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Sent Letters. Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
Jany	13	Ag. Collector of Tinnevelly	Requesting, with reference to the boundary dispute between Caungaracottai and a certain other village, to obtain the written ass[ent] of the parties in dispute to abid[e] by his decision, or have the case disposed of by him as per letter of the Board of Revenue date[d] 18th June 1835.
Do	9	Board of Revenue	Submitting a Statement of the land proposed to be granted to Service Inamdars in lieu of others now unfit for cultivati[on]
Feby	57.	Ag Judge, Madura	Forwarding the original do[-]cuments regarding the boundar[y] dispute of the Perunali villa[ge] between Ramnad & Yettiapura[m]
Do	5	Chief Secretary to Govt. Fort St George	Requesting permission to pay the arrears and enter in his own name the portion claimed by Appooswami Nai[ck] brother of Comaruswami Nai[ck] a

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			a Candian Pensioner to the amount of 17 pagodas per mensem.
17th Feby	18	Board of Revenue	Submitting Statements called for exhibiting the extent, value and duties of all alienations of Land Revenue by the late proprietors of the Sivagunga Zemindary. [Statements not found in the Section book; the draft with its enclosures sent to I. C. Dy Collr. on 23-10-63]
20th Do	20	Do Do	Reporting upon Petition No 101 of 1838 from Palani Comauree Gounden claiming the rights to the Zemindary of Kilacolah now in the possession of another person.
Do	19	Do Do	Submitting a revised Statement of land to be granted in lieu of former maunium land now unfit; and also transmitting a Statement of land to which

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			he recommends should be now granted.
28th Feby	7	Chief Secretary to Govt. Fort St George	Stating that on the application of Comaruswami Naicken, a Candian Pensioner, for the payment of arrears of Revenue he has directed the disbursement of the money and informing at the same time that the share of Apooswami Naicken will be paid by him in the usual manner.
3rd Mar	"	Actg. Judge, Zillah Court Madura.	Informing that he is prepared to put the apellant Anganutha Nachyar in possession of the Zemindary of Shevagungah as per decree of the Suder Adawlet as soon as she shall pay the arrears of Govt. due from the estate.

[not found in the Section Book]

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13th Mar	24	Board of Revenue	Submitting for Sanction a list of Servants required for the management of the assumed Devastonams and Chuttrom lands in the Sivagunga Zemindary.
14th Do	25	Do Do	Reporting the resumption of certain alienated lands in the Shevagunga Zemindary in Conformity with the instructions received from the Provincial Court.
19th Do	28	Do Do	Submitting further information on the Subject of the Sugarcane assessment in Dindigul
27th Do	153	As. Collector, Tinnevelly	Forwarding an original agreement of the inhabitants of Keelnautcoorichee village to abide by his decision on the Subject of the boundary dispute between them & those of Valaknuttoor in his District.

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29th Mar	30	Board of Revenue	Stating in reference to the Board's Procs of the 19th ultimo, that the Zemindar of Ediacotai and Mambarai are both averse to resuming charge of their estates on the amount of Peishcush proposed by the Board.
4th April	33	Do — Do	Requesting, with reference to his letter of the 14th ultimo, authority to pay monthly from the 11th instant the Sum of Rs 500 to Angamuthu Nachyar who has established her claim to the Sivagunga Zemindary and is only kept out of possession in consequence of the arrears against the estate.
Do	34	Do — Do	Forwarding copies and translations of documents relative to the Shrotrium village of Mullapandy with reference to previous Correspondence and stating that the Shrotriemdar does not agree to give up his right to the chuttr[…] on

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			on his decease as required in the 3rd para of the Board's letter under reply.
5th May	46	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Stating that he has received a precept from the zillah court cancelling the one directing Angamuthu Nachyar to be put in possession of the Sivaganga Zemindary on paying off the arrears, and that under these circumstances it will not be proper to grant her the allowance of Rs 500 p.m. recommended in his letter of the 4th ultimo.
8th Do	48	Do Do	Reporting the circumstances which induced him to give a revised decision at variance with a former one in the case of the Petition No 366, regarding the right to the amblom mirasy of the village of Gopaulpuram
10th Do	-	Register of the Provincial Court S. Dn, Trichinopoly	Informing that he will give full

Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
			full effect to the instructions of the Court of Sudr Adawlut for the resumption with certain [illegible] reservation of all lands appertaining to the Sivagunga zemindary alienated by the father of Bodha Gooroo Periya Odiya Tevar [not found in the Section Book]
20th May	52	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Requesting permission for the erection of two chuttrums (viz) at Chuttrapully and Sholarombo in Dindigul for the accomodation and convenience of travellers and merchants.
30th Do	285	Do ~~Do~~ Do P.W.D.	Reporting that by the use of the Fort Stones and the employment of convicts in forming a causeway over the river Vaigai the [illegible] work begun on the 17th May/37 was completed on the 21st instt.
31st Do	57	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Reporting his opinion that [illegible] Soorie[illegible]

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			Sooriah Gounden and his father Palany Gounden have obtained surreptitious possession through his Record Keeper of an Istimrar Sunnud from his office which they have falsified, and on it founded a false claim to the Kilacotai Zemindary.
9th June	13	Secy to Govt. Political Deptt., Fort St George	Stating that, in obedience to the orders of Govt. on the application of Ramaswami Naick for the recovery of a portion of pension from his half-brother Comaurnswami Naick, he will deduct from the pension of the latter Rs 3½ a month and pay it to the Petitioner till the recovery of the amount claimed
13th Do	30	Dy Accountant General, in charge, Fort St George	Stating that the Meenatchee Pagoda &c 7 Devastanams are paid according to a fixed Turdeek from the proceeds of the villages allotted to them respectively

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			pectively and which are deducted from the amount of settlement, the monthly collections and disbursements being entered under the head of Pagoda and Mosque allowances and the remaining portion of the Revenue of the villages included in the Settlement of Land Revenue and carried to the Credit of Govt.
11th June	64	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Stating in reference to a [illegible] Petition No 384 of 1838 that Petitioner is entitled only to the original maunium land attached to the village of Woonjonputti and not to the land allotted in fusli 1244 to the two hamlets depending upon and which are Hurdianagaram & Pariahnagaram
15th Do	66	Do Do	Transmitting copies of certain documents furnished to him by the Pundaram of Rameswaram

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			Ramesweram relative to the claim of the Pagoda at that place to a participation in the Pearl Fishery on the Coast of Ceylon.
29th June	72	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Stating in reply to the Board's letter of the 21st instt that he considers the Precept, of the [illegible] Register in charge, of the 30th April last as annulling the previous precept of the Ag Ju[illegible] directing that the Nachyar should be put in possession of the Sivaganga Zemindary.
2d July	73	Do — Do	Submitting as called for a Statement showing the amount of tax on one or two crop lands cultivated with Sugarcane in the Dindigul Dt.
3d Do	74	Do — Do	Stating that the Petition in No 384 of 1838 has no right to participate in the maunion allotted for the two hamlets

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			of Hurdisnagaram and Parishnagaram dependent on the parent village of Woonjanputti of which latter only he is the Nattamgar and enjoys the maunioms allotted to it.
13 May	79	Sec^y to the Board of Revenue	Submitting with reference to the minutes of Consultation of the 19th March last a revised Statement of maunioms to be granted to village Servants.
18th Do	80	Do Do	Recommending a reduction in the rates of assessment of the village of Vadaputty in the Thenkarai T^q.
19th Do	363	Resident of Travancore	~~Forwarding~~ copy of an address from the Zemindar of Thevaram and requesting him to use his influence in obtaining permission to re-ope[n] the channel in question and make the Zemindar avail himsel[f]

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Date.	Number.	To whom sent.	Substance.
			as in former times of the Sheva rising within the limits of H. H. the Rajah of Travancore
19th July	81	Secretary to the Board of Revenue	Stating in reply to Board's letter of the 12th instt. that in in Consequence of the failure of the Ranee Angamuttoo to give security for one year's profit of the estate of Shevagunga that a precept was issued by the Register in charge which, he thought, was an annulment of the Asst. Judge's Precept directing its restoration to her management
9th Aug	398	Do Do P. W. D.	Forwarding Statements in explanation of the expected advantage from the Chinna Moolianur project. [Statements not found in the Section Book; the draft with its enclosures sent to Collr. on the 20th June (60)]
15th Do	403	Resident of Tanjore	Stating that with reference to the Sirkele's letter of the 9th instt.

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			inst. regarding a dispute between the villages of Aramanavayel and Cooroongolum & he has prohibited the ameen of Amraoty from measuring the land in question
" Aug	422	Resident of Tanjore	Forwarding copy of an address from the Superintendent of certain Devastanams in the Shevagunga Zemindary, regarding the dispute for water between the villages of Tiruklangoody and Keeranie & requesting to cause the Sirkle of H. E. the Rajah Bahadur to admit the rights of the Shevagunga people in the enjoyment of the banks of their old Yendals.
"	425	Civil Engr. 8th Dn. Vembooettay	Forwarding a plan and estimate for four choultries proposed to be erected on the hill route from Periyakolam and Devadanapettie to Palni for the accomodation of

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			of traders resorting to the Vurragherry Hills.
30th Aug	95	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Stating in reference to the Board's endorsement on Petition No 365 of 1838 that the Petition... has no good claim to Sree... amblom mirassy claimed by...
8th Sepr	434	Ag Collr of Tinnevelly	Stating that he has direct... the Gumastah of Paralachie i... Ramnad for the immediate re... moval of the new bank allu... to in his letter of the 29th...
14th Do	98	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Recommending that the ex... Zemindar of Shevagunga may... allowed to receive Subsisten... at the rate of Rs 570 p.m... the funds of the Zeminda... arrear from the date of the assumption of the Cowle Kraiy... lands.
15th Do	99	Do Do	Submitting that the claims to a certain amblom mirassy...

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			referred to in Petitions Nos 371 and 416 of 1838 have been decided by him and the result reported to the Board on the 30th ultimo
7th Sepr	450	Resident of Travancore	Forwarding in continuation of his letter of the 19th July copy and translation of an address from the Poligar of Thevarom.
18th Do	451	Do of Tanjore	Replying to the Sirkeel's letter of the 9th July that the Pudukotah ryots of Eachungoody have no just cause of complaint in the water dispute between them and the villagers of Vembanoor in Marungapury Tr.
5th Octr	107	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Submitting the opinion of the Pundit of the Zillah court of Madura to a question put to him regarding the right of the Collector to order the repair of the tanks the banks of which have long been burst and the water ori ginally

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			girally retained in them flowed for a long time into th tank of a neighbouring vill and requesting to know whe he should be guided by th opinion.
10th Octr	170	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Stating in reply to the Boa Procgs of the 13th ultimo tha will not press his ~~recom~~ reco mendation for all grants o maniom lands entered in Statement submitted by him under date the 13th July with the exception of that for Deva gars for the pass of Andipu which he recommends may sanctioned.
22d Dec	505	Resident of Tanjore	Forwarding in reply to his letter of the 26th ultimo copy of an address from the Peshca of Tirukoshtiyur Devastanam and requesting him as pe

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			letter of his office of the 27th Aug to bring to the notice of H. E. the impropriety of his people in entering the Company's territory to break down the bank.
22nd Octr	22	Secy to Govt Public Dept Fort St George	Stating that he had no objection to Nagammaul's drawing her own portion of the pension at Trichinopoly and informing at the same time ~~that~~ that as it appeared Chinnammaul the Petitioner's mother was no more he had directed the Petitioner's portion of the allowance to be stopped till she made her appearance to him
23d Do	511	Chief Engr, 8th Do, Madura	Requesting him to prepare an estimate for the efficient draining of all impurities that may accumulate within the Fort of Madura
26d Do	519.	Do Do	Informing that he has no plan for the Fort of Madura or its environs and

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			And Stating that the estimate he must forw[ard] should be to the amount necessa[ry] for efficient drainage.
29th Octr	535.	C. R. Cotton Esqr Madras	Furnishing informations as required by his circular of the 28th August with respect to the progress or decline of the various branches of the administration of his District and forwarding with his replies to the Several Questions Comparative Statem[ents] together with the grounds of his opinion as to the causes of any alteration which may be observable.
6th Novr	118.	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Reporting upon a Petition No 1001 of 1838 from Sencarayen Pillai Complaining of his having been dismissed from the office of village Curnom and recom-mending his namesake the Son

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			of the Fyool Mirassidar as having a fairer claim than either the Petitioner himself or the present holder.
5th Novr	119	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Submitting his Sentiments on certain Petitions from Ranee Angamuthu Nachyar of Shevagunga objecting to the grant of an allowance to the late possessor of the Zemindary and praying to be entrusted with the direct management of her estate on her giving security for the liquidation of the present balances.
7th do	121	do do	Reporting the death of the Zemindar of Tothelnaickanur and stating that the Family of the deceased and the ryots, all agree to his eldest son Ramaswamy Tothinaick's succession to the estate and requesting orders on the subject.

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12th Nov	123	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Stating in reference to the Board's letter of the 15th instt. on the Subject of the Zemindaries of Ediacotai and Mambarai that a reference to his Correspondence enables him at once to answer them, but desiring to ~~of~~ know if the Board wish that he should first make himself acquainted with the land by personal inspection.
3rd Decr	131	Do — do	Furnishing information regarding the grounds of the decisions of Messrs Wroughton and Lockhart on the claims of Senjarayen Pillai to the office of Village Curnom.
11th Do	134	Do — do	Reporting the death of Camma Luckya Naicken in Zemindar of Jamoskalapuram in Dindigul & requesting instructions regarding

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			the continuance of in the name of his eldest son by his 2nd wife of the commission to which he is entitled on the amount of the Settlement of the Zemindary
12th Decr	25	Secy to Govt. Political Depth. Fort St George	Furnishing with reference to Petition No 474 of 1838 further information on the claim of Nagammaul, a Candian Pensioner and recommending that she be allowed till her death to draw her own portion of the pension at Trichinopoly.
22d Do	139.	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Transmitting copy of Draught received with copy of his return respecting the release of the Zemindary of Shevagunga and stating his opinion that the arrears will not be paid by the Nachyar but must be recovered from the estate

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23rd Decr	141	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Forwarding copy of certain papers on the Subject of the Sivagunga Zemindary omitted to be sent with his letter of the 22nd instt.

No. 1

To the Officiating Secretary to the
Mysore Commissioner
Bengalore.

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 16th ulto. I beg leave to inform you I have this day despatched the remaining 500 Turbands, by Coolies, as in the form[er] case — I request you will be so good as to infor[m] me if they are considered equal to the pattern, and meet with approbation; — Meantime I have the hono[r] to request the balance of rups. 24. 12 .., as per account accompanying, may be remitted to me —

Madura 1st Jany. 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

No. 6

To the Superintendent of the Government Lottery
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 18th ulto. I have the honor to annex a register of prizes, together with the Tickets paid in the 61st Government Lottery —

Madura Auntenkurray
4th January 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Register of prizes paid in the 61st Government Lottery in the Districts of Madura and Dindigul —

Number	Rs.	a	P.	Number	Rs.	a	P.
547	140	..	..	3062 } 3062 }	140	..	..
3057 } 3057 }	140	..	..	3064 } 3064 }	140	..	..
3059 } 3059 }	140	..	..	3073 } 3073 }	140	..	..
3060 } 3060 }	140	..	..		980	..	..
				Deduct Commission @ 10 per cent	98	..	..
				Net Rups.	882	..	..

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Col.

No. 7

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

In the absence of the Principal Collector on Circuit, I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon [illegible] Bill in favor of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of your district

at sight for the sum of Company's rupees (12) Twelve being the amount paid by Captain Faber, Civil Engineer 4th Division which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

Madura 6th Jany 1838 — (Signed) T. I. P. Harris
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Exchange for Company's rupees 12 " "

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

At sight please to pay to Appavoo Moodeliar, Muramut superintendent of your dist the sum of Company's rupees twelve, being the amount paid by Captain Faber, Civil Engineer 4th Division, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

Madura 6th Jany 1838 — (Signed) T. I. P. Harris
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No. 9

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

In the absence of the Principal Collr on Circuit I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Captain C. E. Faber, Civil Engineer 4th Division, at sight, for the sum of Company's rupees (367 8 -) three hundred and sixty seven and Annas eight, being the amount of his Establishment for last Month, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

Madura 6th Jany 1838 — (Signed) T. I. P. Harris
actg Hd ast Coll

No. 12

To the Secretary to the Committee for the revision of Customs and Post office department for India — Calcutta

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the statement of Land Customs, prepared in Conformity with your instructions of the 12th August.

Madura Cutcherry? Rasipalam
6th Jany 1838 — (Signed) J. Blackburne
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Received from the Register of the Zillah Court of Madura the sum of Company's rupees 833-5-1 Eight hundred and thirty three, Annas five and pice one, being the amount of fees, fines and penalties levied, and the proceeds of sales of Paper &c in last month.

Madura Davipatam 8th Jany 1838 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pr Collr

To the Acting Judge Madura

Sir,

I had only yesterday the honor to receive your requisition, of the 4th instant, for rupees 399-10-10, being payment of the salary of a Native Judicial officer, attached to the Auxiliary Court of Salem, from the beginning of December 1836, to the 17th January 1837, which I have the pleasure to forward, and request you will be so good as to send me Syed Buderallum Saib's bills for the month of Decer 1836, and for the broken period of January 1837, with his receipt attached to them.

Thondi 9th Jany 1838 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pr Collr

No. 13

To the Acting Collector Tinnevelly

Sir,

1 - In your letter of the 30th Ultimo you request me to send the Oloogoo accounts of the Village of Cungaracottah to the Tasildar of Nassoomundalom, as desired by that officer but in his address to you, Copy of which you favored me with, he not only asks for the Oloogoo Accounts, but desires a gomastah might be deputed with them, to meet one of his, on the spot, and settle the dispute - yet no obligation of the parties to abide by such decision is obtained, nor time fixed for the meeting of the two gomastahs even.

2 - As it is improbable any decision could be enforced that might be obtained in the manner proposed

I would suggest you should either obtain the written assent of both parties to abide by your decision, or else, in the spirit of the instructions from the Board of Revenue under date the 18th June 1835, refer the complainant to me, when I shall have pleasure in disposing of the case.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura Thondi 10th Jany. 1838.

No. 18.

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 3 Bills of Mr. T. I. P. Harris, Assistant Collector of your district for the amount paid to him from this treasury on account of his salary, house rent and tent allowance, for Decr., which is debited in the Accounts of this office as noted in the margin, leaving you to draw, and credit, on his Account to the Civil fund, and request that the same may be adjusted in your Accounts under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."—

Salary	525. .. ..
Deduct Civil fund @ 6¼ per Cent	32. 13. ..
	492. 3. ..
House rent	35. .. ..
Tent allowance	42. .. ..
Rs.	569. 3. ..

Madura Tondi
11th Jany. 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

No. 21.

To the Superintendent of Stamps
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose an Indent for 500 rolls of stampt paper of 1 rupee value each; and request your early transmission of them, as the quantity on hand is very trifling.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura Thiroovaigamputt
14th January 1838.

No. 22.

To the Secretary to the Committee for public Instruction and for the College of Madras.

Sir, With reference to my letter of the 18th Septr. I have the honor to forward a view of the Schools in Madura, furnished me unofficially, and beg again respectfully to repeat my suggestion that a donation

should be given to the American Missionaries for appropriation in this Collectorate, where their great strength is concentrated, because I know it would be peculiarly acceptable at the present moment when the Mission funds are suffering heavily from the depressed state of commerce and circulation in the Mother-country, and without some such aid it is to be feared the work so happily begun, may cease to spread, and will probably retrograde for a couple of years.

Madura Thiroovaigamputt }
14th January 1838 }
(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

No. 23.

To the Secretary to the Military Board
Fort St. George.

Sir,

In answer to your Circular of the 2d instant, this day received, I have the honor to inform you I do not anticipate any further supplies of military stores being required this year for the Civil authorities than

17. Carbines with bayonets.
8. Pistols, and
200. Ball cartridges, and perhaps the first will be dispensed with.

Madura Thiroovaigamputt }
14th January 1838 }
(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr. & Magte.

No. 25.

To the Acting Judge Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to return Syed Badaralleem Sahib's receipt, and request you will be so good as to furnish me with it in duplicate, and verify both by your countersignature.

Thiroopatoor 19th Jany. 1838.
(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

No. 26

To the Acting Judge Madura

Sir, I had last night the honor to receive

your letter of the 19th instant, requesting me to send to your Court rupees 74 and annas 6, being pension in arrears of Serjeant Cross and compensation in lieu of Clothing. — If you will take the responsibility of including it in your indent I shall not hesitate a moment in sending the amount, and will refer the case afterwards; — but as preliminary instructions are required from the proper military authorities, and as it is desirable, I believe, that pensioners should receive their allowances direct from the office whence it is issued, unless good reason can be shewn for the intervention of a third party, I request you will be so good as to allow him to receive it direct from my office, where I should be glad of his attendance any day next week to furnish me with his pension and last pay certificate. —

If this does not meet your approbation I beg to assure you of my readiness to disburse the money as soon as you will procure me the necessary authority. —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Sather singarcotay }
20th Jany. 1838 }

No. 29.

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a revised Bill for Mr. S. I. P. Harris's increased salary, as desired by your letter of the 10th instant. —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura Sathersingarcotay }
20th January 1838 }

This is to Certify that Lieutenant Congreve, acting 2d Assistant to the Civil Engineer 4th Division, has received his personal allowance to this 20th Jany. inclusive, and his Tentage to the 15th and to no further period. —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura Sathersingarcotay }
20th January 1838 }

Furnished to Lieut. Congreve 2d Asst. Civil Engineer 4th Dn.

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This is to Certify that Mr. T. J. P. Harris has received his pay and allowances, as Acting Head Assistant Collector and Magistrate, as shewn below to the end of December 1837 and to no later period; and that he left the Madura District on the 20th January 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

As Asst. to the Princl. Collr. of Coimbatore

Salary	525 " "
Tent allowance	42 " "
House rent	35 " "

As Acting Hd. Asst. Collector of Madura

2/3 deputation allowance	108.8 "
1/3 do. do.	54.12 "
	162.12 "

Furnished to Mr. T. Harris Actg. Hd. Asst. Collector.

No. 33.

To Lieutenant Congreve Assistant Civil Engineer

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 17th instant, I have the honor to state that I cannot return you the abstract, therein alluded to, as my Accounts for Decr. have been closed. The difference of 10 rupees will be deducted from the draught subsequently sent, and carried to Account as a refund:— The remainder is sent you.—

Madura 22d Jany. 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

No. 35.

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward bills, receipted in duplicate, for salary due to Syed Baderallum Sahib, then Sudr Ameen of the Auxiliary Court at Coimbettoor, for the month of December 1836, under the countersignature of the Acting Judge of the Zillah of Madura, where the (Syed Baderallum Sahib) is now employed, as also copy of the letter from the Acting Assistant Judge of Salem, under date 29th December last, which led to the requisition on the treasury of this Collectorate by the Acting Judge, as also the letter from the Acting Judge, shewing the reason why the requisition was subsequently reduced to the month of December; and request you will be so good as to give me credit

for the same in your Accounts.—

Madura 23rd Jany 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

No. 36.

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Warrant issued to the Jailor with the prisoner Comaravailoopillay, Curnom's Gomastu of the Village of Anendoor, in the assumed Zemindary of Shevagunga, for making false entries in the Accounts, and sentenced to 3 Months imprisonment in the Zillah Jail on failing to pay the fine of 50 rupees imposed upon him under Clause 4th Section V Regulation IX of 1822.—

Madura 23rd Jany 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

No. 37.

To Lieutenant Congreve Acting 2nd Asst. Civil Engineer
4th Division

Sir,

The substitution of the Paymaster's draft in your favor for rupees 180, in place of your abstract for rupees 190, for the month of November, cannot be complied with, as the document is necessary to support my Accounts, but in order to adjust the transactions I have directed 10 rupees to be deducted from your bill of the 20th instant, for rupees 111-10-8, and having given you credit in Account for the refund of the rupees 190, I sent you the balance of Rs. 101 as. 10 and pice 8 last night.—

Madura 23rd Jany 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

No. 40.

To the Register to the Provincial Court
of Appeal Southn. Dn. Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be so good as to bring to the notice of the Judges that a decision of mine is still in abeyance pending their consideration of my letter of the 9th Ulto.:—

Madura 24th Jany 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

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Received into the Honorable Company's treasury from Ramasawmy Rajah, district Moonsiff of Paramagoody, the sum of Company's rupees (6) Six on account of Subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette -

Madura 24th Jany. 1838 - (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Collr.

This is to Certify that W. E. Lockhart Esqre. Sub Collector of this district has received his salary and fixed tent allowance up to the 30th November 1837, and to no later period; and that he left the district on the 5th instant -

Salary	1166. 10. 8.
Fixed tent allowance	87. 8. "
	CRs. 1254. 2. 8

(Sigd.) J. Blackburne P. Collr.

Madura 24th Jany. 1838 -

Furnished to Mr. Lockhart Sub Collector of Dindigul -

No. 41.

To the Collector of Guntoor -

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose duplicate Bills of Mr. C. B. Glass, Assistant Judge of your district, for the amount paid to him from this treasury on account of his salary for December, which is debited in the Accounts of this office as noted in the Margin leaving you to draw, and credit, on his account to the Civil fund; and request that the same may be adjusted in your Accounts under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors." - (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Collr.

Salary		1400 " "
Deduct		
Amount payable on account of debt to the Civil fund at 10 per Cent for September 1837	140 " "	
Do. Do. for Decr.	140 " "	
Do. Do. at 6¼ per Cent	87. 8 "	367. 8 "
	Rupees	1032. 8 "

Madura 26th Jany. 1838 -

No. 43

To the Sub Treasurer Fort St. George

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge, the delivery this day of the remittance of fifty-three thousand Company's rupees, in silver and copper Coins, as per Invoice transmitted with your letter of the 18th December last - (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Collr.

Madura 26th Jany. 1838 -

This is to Certify that Lieutenant R. Ogilvie, Commanding detachment 33rd Regiment N. I., has this day, delivered treasure from Madras, Consisting of 33 Boxes, containing new silver half and quarter rupees, and Copper quarter anna piece pieces - (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Collr.

Madura 26th Jany. 1838 -

Furnished to Lieutt. R. Ogilvie Comg. detacht. 33rd Regt. N.I.

Received from the Paymaster Southern Division Trichinopoly, a draft in duplicate for Company's rupees (57.13.-) fifty seven and annas thirteen, dated 24th instant, being the pension of a European in advance for Jany. and funeral expences for the late private Thomas Rowe, and pay for native pensioners attached to public Bangalows, in arrears for December 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 26th Jany. 1838.

Triplicate

This is to Certify that a detachment of the 33rd Regt. N. I. Consisting of 1 Havildar, 1 Naigue, and 12 privates, marched from Ramnad to Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st instant, in charge of treasure; arrived there on the 27th and were at liberty to return the next day.

Madura 29th Jany. 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Furnished to the Officer Comg. Ramnad.

No. 44.

To the Secretary to the Commissioner for the affairs of Mysore - Bengalore.

Sir,

In returning you my original bill of Costs of the 1st instant, I request you will do me the honor of informing the Commissioner that the duty is charged on the Tariff valuation of the article, not on its selling price, which is of course liable to more frequent variations than can be meet by revisions of the Tariff.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 29th Jany. 1838.

No. 45.

To the Acting Criminal Judge - Madura

Sir,

On receipt of your letter of the 18th instant I forwarded the necessary papers for procuring payment to Serjeant Cross to the Paymaster, when they were returned me by that officer with information that they should be forwarded direct from your Court.

Madura 29th Jany. 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

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No. 48.

To the Register to the Southern Provincial Court of appeal Trichinopoly.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward all the proceedings, as per accompanying list, held in the Case of Ramasawmy Naick Vrs. Alwar ammal, both in the talook and Magistrate's office, as requested in your letter of the 26th instant.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 29th Jany. 1838.

No. 49.

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a warrant to the Jailor with the prisoner Kistnampillay, Curnom of Ammapetty in Thiroomungalom, committed for suppressing land from the public accounts, and sentenced to 3 Months' imprisonment in the Zillah Jail, on failing to pay the fine of 50 rupees, imposed upon him, under clause fourth section V of Regn. IX of 1822.

Madura 30th Jany. 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 50.

To the Sub Treasurer Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th ultimo, and a remittance of fifty three thousand Company's rupees (53000) in new Silver and Copper Coins, and I beg to transmit you my duplicate receipt for the same.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 31st Jany. 1838.

No. 51.

To the Sub Treasurer. Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th ultimo and a remittance of fifty three thousand Company's rupees (Rs. 53000) in new Silver and Copper Coins, and I beg to transmit you my receipt for the same.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 31st Jany. 1838.

Duplicate

Received from Lieut. R. Ogilvie, Commanding a detachment of the 33d Regiment N. I., in good order and well conditioned, Eight Boxes of new Silver half and quarter rupees to the amount of (50,000) Company's rupees, and twenty five Boxes of new Copper quarter anna pice pieces, amounting to Company's rupees three thousand (3000), altogether amounting to 53000 Company's rupees, consigned by the Treasurer for the use of the districts of Madura and Dindigul.

Madura 31st Jany 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Memo:

The Principal Collector of Madura has the pleasure to forward to Assistant Apothecary Englebright a Bill on the Collector of Tinnevelly for rupees 30, on account of Captain Faber, Civil Engineer 4th Division.

Madura 1st Feby 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

No. 52.

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Captain C. E. Faber, Civil Engineer, 4th Division, at sight, for the sum of Company's rupees (324-8-..) three hundred and twenty four and Annas Eight, being on account of Pay of his Establishment for Jany, which sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

Madura 1st Feby 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Exchange for Company's rupees. 324-8-..

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

At sight please to pay to Captain C. E. Faber, Civil Engineer 4th Division, or his order, the sum of Company's rupees three hundred and twenty four and annas Eight, being on account of Pay of his Establishment for Jany, which sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

Madura 1st Feby 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

No. 53

To the Secretary to the Committee for the revision of Customs and Post office Dept. for India
Calcutta

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the Statement

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of Land Customs prepared in Conformity with your instructions of the 12th August -

(Signed) J Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura 1st Feby. 1838 -

No. 54.

To Captain C E Faber Civil Engineer 4th Division
Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Bill on the Principal Collector of Coimbatore, in your favor, for rupees 324-8-; and to state that another Bill has been drawn on the Collector of Tinnevelly for rupees 30, in favor of Mr. Englebright, as requested in your Memo: of the 20th ultimo -

I beg to forward Extract of Register of deposits in the Government Savings Bank made in your department for February, and request you will be good enough to return it to me, with your signature, for transmission to the Accountant General - The Book is herewith returned duly receipted -

(Signed) J Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura 1st Feby. 1838 -

No. 55.

To the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Mr. Englebright, apothecary at Palamcottah, at sight, for the sum of Company's rupees (30) thirty, being the amount paid into my treasury by Captain Faber, Civil Engineer 4th Division; which sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors" -

(Signed) J Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura 1st Feby. 1838 -

Exchange for Company's rupees 30 - -

To the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

At sight pleasure to pay to Mr. Englebright apothecary at Palamcottah, or his order, the sum of Company's rupees thirty, being the amount paid into my treasury by Captain Faber Civil Engineer 4th Division, which sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors" -

(Signed) J Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura 1st Feby. 1838 -

No. 56.

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit Copy of a

Naick rowanah issued for 1 10/15 Viss of Opium, Consigned to Trichinopoly, and request, in the event of its not arriving within the prescribed time, that intimation may be given to enable me to make enquiry as to its disposal -

Madura 1st Feby 1838 - (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Collr

No. 57

To the Acting Judge Madura

Sir

I have the honor to forward the original documents, with a list, in the boundary dispute of the Peroonally Village between the Zemindary of Ramnad and Yettiapooram, as required in your letter of this day's date

From No. 1 to 18 - R

Madura 1st Feby 1838 - (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Collr

No. 58

To The Acting Superintendent of Stamps Fort St. George

Sir

1. By yesterday's post I had the honor to receive your Circular of the 29th Ultimo, commenting on the practise in this, in common with every other district, to indent on your office for further supplies of stamps when the quantity on hand rendered such proceeding totally unnecessary. - It does not appear to me that such has ever been done since I had charge of this Collectorate -

2. Agreeably to your instructions I have given the subject my particular attention, and enquiry, and have examined in detail the stock of stamps of every kind, and beg to inclose a statement particular; and only wait for the repetition of your instructions to send them to you at Madras, or by destroying them in my own presence, under your authority, avoid to overload the Mails -

Madura 2nd Feby 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Collr

No. 60

To the Collector and Magistrate of Tinnevelly

Sir

With reference to the petitions understood to have been addressed to you by the Ex Zemindar of Chokumpatty, claiming certain property of which

he was deprived at the moment of his seizure and transmission to Gooty. I have the honor, under the instructions of the Right Honble the Governor in Council (under date the 10th ultmo) to request you will be so good as to inform me if the particulars of the property of which he was dispossessed, if indeed such was the case, with your opinion how far he is personally entitled to recovery of it; and any further information that may be of avail to bringing the claim to a satisfactory decision, and I shall lose no time in communicating to you any thing the Ex Zemindar may have further to say in support of his claim.

Madura 3d Feby 1838 (Signed) J Blackburne P. Coll. & Magte

No. 63

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Bill drawn on the Collector of Trichinopoly for the sum of Company's Rupees (1153) one thousand one hundred and fifty three, as requested by your letter of this day's date.

(Signed) J Blackburne P. Coll.

Madura 5th Feby 1838

Ex Change for Company's rupees 1153 ....

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

At ten day's sight please to pay to the Register of the Provincial Court, Southern Division Trichinopoly, or his order, the sum of Company's rupees one thousand one hundred and fifty three, being the amount paid into this treasury by the Acting Zillah Judge of Madura, collected from the appellant in Appeal Suit No. 2 of 1835, of the file of the Sudr Adalut, to be paid to the respondent in the said Suit, which sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

(Signed) J Blackburne P. Coll.

Madura 5th Feby 1838

No. 64

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of the Register of the Provincial Court, Southern Division, at 10 days sight, for the sum of Company's rupees (1153) one thousand one hundred and fifty three, being the amount paid into this treasury by the Acting Zillah Judge of Madura, as collected

from the appellant in appeal suit, No. 2 of 1835, of the file of the Sudr Adawlut, to be paid to the respondent in the said suit, which sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors." -

Madura 5th Feby 1838 - (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Collr.

No. 62

To the Acting Judge Madura

Sir

With reference to your application of the 16th, received 18th ultimo, for Copies of documents in Pauper Suit No. 23 of 1837, I take the liberty of asking if it is not a case in which notices have not yet been served on the defendants, and if I am not ex officio one of those defendants. And in that case I would beg to know if the Copies might not be dispensed with till the preliminaries alluded to have been complied with -

Madura 5th Feby 1838 - (Signed) J. Blackburne. P. Collr.

No. 67

To the Assistant Commissary General Trichinopoly

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 29th ultimo I beg to inform you that the selling price of 1st 2nd & 3rd sorts of Paddy in the Madura Bazar at present is respectively Rs as p 101 - 8 - 0, Rs as p 93. 10 - 0 & Rs as p 82 - 14 - 0 per garce. and I hope it will not rise higher. Coolty or horse Gram sells at rupees 210, and Chenna at 339 Rs per garce. The subjoined Memo: will shew you the quantity probably procurable in this district. I have no fear of scarcity this year. The price of Paddy will not I think exceed 120 Rs per garce at any period of the year -

Memo:

Talook	Horse Gram	Bengal Gram
Madaclum	6	1/2
Thiroomungalom	1	1/2
Meloor	10	"
Taudicombo	2	1/2
Iyempully	"	1.
Nellacottah	4	1/2
Thenkeray	1	1/2
Maroonjapoory	10	"
	34	3 1/2

Madura 6th Feby 1838 -

(Signed) J. Blackburne P. Collr -

Received from the Register of the Zillah Court of Madura, the sum of Company's rupees 784-13-10 (Seven hundred and eighty four annas thirteen and pice ten) being the amount of fees fines and penalties levied, and the proceeds of sales of paper &c in last Month.

Madura 6th Feby 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 68.

To the Collector of Guntoor

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose duplicate Bills of Mr. E. B. Glass, Assistant Judge of your district, for the amount paid to him from this treasury, on account of his salary for Jany which is debited in the Accounts of the office, as noted in the Margin; leaving you to draw, and credit, on his Account, to the Civil fund; and request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

Salary	1400 .. ..
Deduct	
Civil fund @ 6¼ per Cent	87. 8. ..
Do. Do. @ 10 per Cent	140 .. ..
	227. 8. ..
Rups.	1172. 8. ..

(Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Madura 7th Feby 1838.

No.

To the Commissary of Ordnance Southn. Divn. Trichinopoly.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Countersigned Indent for tools, required in the tank department, and request you will be so good as to forward them by a bandy with an advance of five rupees, to Dindigul to the address of the Tasildar of Sandicombo at that place, and I beg to request the forwarding of such articles as are ready may not be delayed for the Jumpers which it appears have to be made.

The whole amount and the advance for the bandy shall be paid by a Bill on the Collector of Trichinopoly as soon as the price of the Jumpers is made known.

(Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl. Collr.

Madura Shevagunga 12th February 1838.

No. 72

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose an Indent for Batta for the Native Establishment of the Acting 3d Judge on Circuit for rupees (143. 8. ") one hundred and forty three, and Annas Eight, the receipt of which I request you will be pleased to acknowledge in duplicate, as directed by the Accountant General.

Madura 15th Feby 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 74.

To the Superintendent of Stamps Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the statements required by your Circular of the 27th December, which however, did not reach me till the 7th ultimo. They shew the different uses for which the Europe Stampt papers were purchased, as also how little they are in demand, the people preferring the country paper for it's cheapness, and, in their opinion, greater durability.

Madura 15th Feby 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 75.

To Lieutenant Congreve Palamcotay

Sir,

The Post office Writer of Madura reports that all papers to your address, since your departure, have been forwarded for you to Tuticoryn, whither he was given to understand you had gone. I have this day desired him to forward any other letters that may be received for you to Palamcotay.

The demand against you in this Post office is rupees 1. 13. " —

Madura 15th Feby 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 78.

To the Superintendent of Stamps Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will hasten the despatch of stamps indented for on the 18th ult. And in event of their not having yet left your office I should wish the 4 Ana rowanahs might be sent in small parcels by successive tappals as I do not think I have sufficient to answer the demand for ten days.

Madura 16th Feby 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne P.

No. 79 21 41

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue in the Department of public works. Madras.

Sir, I have the honor to forward a statement of works performed by the Convicts employed under my superintendence part of the month of December, as per form transmitted in your letter of the 31st July last.

Madura 16th Feby 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 80.

To the Collector of Southern Division of Arcot.

Sir, I have the honor to return 6 purwanahs which accompanied your assistants list dated 30th November, as they appear to have been inadvertently sent to this district.

Recd. 12th instant.

Madura 16th Feby 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 81.

To the Officer Commanding Depôt Cuddalore.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23d ultimo, and to inform you that pensioner James McDonald arrived here on the 7th instant, and the advance of rupees 10 made by you will be deducted from him and duly remitted in next month.

I take this opportunity of informing you that in consequence of Bombardier George Ashe being found repeatedly drunk, and beating the people, I was induced to request the Government to send 2 other Europeans in lieu of him and the late Thomas Rowe. tho' Ashe is acknowledged to be quite proficient in the art of weaving, his conduct towards the Natives makes him very unfit for the purpose he was sent here for by Government; and as I yesterday repeated my application for another skilful European weaver to be aided by McDonald I purpose to relieve Ashe from his duties at the end of this month, and direct him to proceed and join the Depôt at Cuddalore.

(Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Madura 17th Feby 1838.

No. 83.

To the Collector of Trichinopoly.

Sir,

I have the honor to apprize you that a remittance of 5 lacs of rupees will be dispatched from this to the General treasury at the Presidency on the 3d. proximo.

Madura 17th Feby 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

The same to the Collector of Southern Division of Arcot No. 84. And Chingleput Do. 85.

No. 86.

To the Officer Commanding Sn. Dn. of the Army
Palamcottah.

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will order a sufficient Guard to attend at my treasury on the 3d. proxo. to escort 500,000 rupees to the General treasury at the Presidency.

Madura 17th Feby 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 87

To Lieutenant Colonel Dyce Comg. 45th Regiment
Dindigul

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter from the Post master General, under date 13th instant, together with the Memorandum therein alluded to, and will feel obliged by your remitting me the amount Vizt. rupees 49. 3. "

Madura 17th Feby 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Received from the Paymaster Southern Division Trichinopoly a draft in Duplicate for Company's Rupees (46. 5. ") forty six and anas five, dated 15th instant, being the pension of a European in advance for February, and pay for Native pensioners attached to the public Bangalows in arrears for last month.

Madura 17th Feby 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 91.

To the Officer Commanding 45th Regt. N. I. Dindigul

Sir,

I have the honor to send in charge of the bearer, Madar Khan, Dhetoyet, rupees 974. 12. 10, being amount of Draft in duplicate from the Military

Paymaster Southern Division in your favor, as advised by that officer, the receipted Drafts for which I request may be sent me -

Madura 22nd Feby 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Memo:

Eng: XXVI to XXXVIII of 1837 & I to III of 18[illegible]
Tamil IX to XIV of 18[illegible]
Mahratta XIV XVIII XIX XXI XXII & XXIII of 1837

The Principal Collector has the honor to forward two printed Copies and translation of the Acts noted in the Margin for the Sub Collector's office, and requests their receipt may be acknowledged -

Madura 21st Feby 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll. & Magte

To the Sub Collector and Joint Magte of Dindigul -

No. 92.

To the Collector of Trichinopoly -

Sir,

May I beg the loan of 3000 Rowanahs of one Ana each, and 2000 of 4 Anas, or any portion you can spare - They shall be returned to you with many thanks as soon as my supply, indented for on the 10th ultimo, with a subsequent request that the 4 Ana papers might be sent by tappal, be received -

Madura 22nd Feby 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 94.

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

With reference to my letter of yesterday's date I have the honor to inform you the Civil Auditor has commenced to supply me with 4 Ana rowanahs by post: - If, however, you can accomodate me with the loan of single Ana rowanahs, as requested in my letter of yesterday you will greatly oblige me -

Madura 23rd Feby 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 96.

To the Commissary of Ordnance Trichinopoly -

Sir,

I have the honor to return the receipts which accompanied your letter of the 15th instant with my signature affixed thereto -

Madura 23rd Feby 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

(Duplicate)

Received from the Honorable Company's Store at Trichinopoly the undermentioned articles for the use of the Tank department in part compliance of an Indent dated 22d September 1837, and passed by the Military Board 31st Jany 1838

Axes Pick Europe		40
Hammers Sledge Europe		3
Adzes Iron Carpenters Europe		3
Crows Iron Large		6
Jumpers do do		6
Saws Hand		1
Package		
Cloth waxed	Yds	½
Bags Gunny packing		½
Gunny yarn	Roll	½

Madura 23d Feby 1838 — (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Collr.

No. 97

To the Acting Collector — Tinnevelly

Sir,

Your letter of the 19th instant informing me of different instructions by the Accountant Genl. regarding the despatch of treasure from hence to those I received from him direct, and the Commanding Officer of the division seeming to be ignorant of any change of the Accountant Generals wishes, I shall be obliged by your favoring me with Copy of the Accountant Generals letter to you which occasioned yours of the 19th instant to me —

Madura 24th Feby 1838 — (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Collr.

No. 98.

To the Principal Collector of Tanjaour Negapatam

Sir,

With a view to regulate the amount of transit and Consumption duty on betel leaf in this Collectorate by comparison with the neighbouring ones I have the honor to request you will inform me what are the rates in yours, and if the quantity of leaves be measured by weight or tale —

Madura 26th Feby 1838 — (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Collr.

Similar to the Princl. Collr. of Coimbatoor — No. 99 —
Collector of Trichinopoly — No. 100
Acting Collr. of Tinnevelly — No. 101.

No. 102.

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to request the loan of two quires of Royal paper, which will be returned as soon as the supply Indented for, and now on its way from Madras, be received.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 26th Feby 1838.

No. 103.

To the Collector of Masulipatam

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you I have forwarded to the Principal Collector of Tanjaour rowanah No. 60, inadvertently sent to this office instead of No. 33, as specified in the Telengu list of 15th instant, which accompanied other rowanahs for this district.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 26th Feby 1838.

No. 104

To the Principal Collector of Tanjaour Negapatam

Sir,

The accompanying rowanah issued from your Collectorate having been inadvertently, as appears from the list by which it was accompanied, forwarded to me by the Collector of Masulipatam, I have the honor to transmit it to you.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 26th Feby 1838.

(Triplicate)

This is to certify that a detachment of the 33rd Regiment N. I. consisting of 1 Havildar, 1 Naigue and 12 privates, marched from Ramnad to Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st instant, in charge of treasure, arrived there on the 26th, were detained on the 27th in consequence of the Criminal Court failing to make over charge of 60 Convicts to be escorted to Ramnad for the works at Paumbon, on that day, and set out on their return this day in aid of the custody of the above 60 Convicts.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 28th Feby 1838.

Furnished to the Officer Comg. a detacht. of the 33rd Regt. N.I.

Principal Collector's Office
Madura 1st March 1838.

I do hereby Certify that pensioned Bombardier George Ashe of the 1st Class, European pensioner, has received his pension from this treasury, in advance, for the month of March, and to no later period.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 109

To the Secretary to the Committee for the revision of Customs and Post office department for India - Calcutta

Sir, I have the honor to forward the Statement of Land Customs prepared in conformity with your instructions of the 12th August. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 1st March 1838 -

No. 111

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir, I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Captain C. E. Faber, Civil Engineer 4th Division, at sight, for the sum of Company's rupees (241. 4 . .) Two hundred and forty one and annas four being on account of Pay of his Establishment for February, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors." -

Madura 1st March 1838 -

Signed J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 112

To the Officer Commanding detachment of the 33d Regiment N. I. Madura

Sir, Having been apprized, by the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, of the desire of the Accountant General, that the 5 lacs of rupees I purposed despatching hence to Madras tomorrow, should be detained to be forwarded by the same guard that was about to escort treasure from Tinnevelly, and being last night apprized by the Acting Deputy Qur. Master General of the Southern Divison that the escort in question would enter this Collectorate about the 13th current, and would consist of 1 Native Officer 3 Havildars and 45 rank and file under the Command of an European Officer, I beg to know if it would be any alleviation of duty to the officers and Sepoys if the despatch be delayed till arrival of the troops above alluded to from Tinnevelly? - The treasure is ready but there is no urgency for its immediate despatch, and the convenience of the troops is, I believe, the only thing to be considered. -

Madura 1st March 1838 (Signed) J. Blackburne

No. 113.

To the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly -

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will give your attention at your earliest convenience to my letter of the 3rd ultimo respecting the claim of the Ex-Zemindar of Chokumpatty. -

Madura 2nd March 1838 - (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 114

To the Officer Commanding detachment 33rd Regt. N. I. Madura

Sir,

In reply to your letter of this date I beg to assure you of my concurrence in your opinion of the advisability of postponing the despatch of the treasure till the arrival of the party from Tinnevelly -

Madura 2nd March 1838 - (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 116

To the Collector of Trichinopoly -

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 17th ultimo I have the honor to inform you the despatch of the treasure fixed for tomorrow will be postponed, under instructions from the Accountant General thro' the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, till the arrival of money from his treasury, and I learned last night from the Asst. Qur. Mr. General at Trichinopoly the escort would enter this Collectorate, 3 stages south, about the 13th Current -

Madura 2nd March 1838 - (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

A similar letter to the Collr. of the South. Dn. of Arcot No. 117 and to the Collr. of Chingleput No. 118 -

No. 119

To the Assistant Surgeon of the 45th Regt. N. I. Dindigul

Sir,

As I can find no correspondence on my own or even on the Sub Collector's records, regarding your claim to head money for Medical attendance on Native revenue and police servants, I request you will be so good as to furnish me with copy of the authority you allude to that I may know how far I am at liberty to sign the papers you have been good enough to forward me -

Madura 2nd March 1838 - (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Received from the Register of the Zillah Court of Madura, the sum of Company's rupees (976-11-11) nine hundred and seventy six, anas eleven and pice eleven, being the amount of fees fines and penalties levied and the proceeds of sales of paper 8c. in last month -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 2d. March 1838 -

No. 121

To the Superintendent of the Government Lottery
Fort St. George

Sir,

Agreeably to your letter of the 2d. ultimo I have the honor to annex a Register of Tickets sold in the first class of the 62d. Government Lottery, amounting to Company's rupees (1500) one thousand and five hundred, for which sum a Bill on the Accountant General in favor of the Government Bank is herewith enclosed -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 3d. March 1838.

Register of the 62d. Government Lottery Tickets sold in the districts of Madura and Dindigul -

Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
551.	30.	560.	30	1054.	30.	2058.	30.	2552	30	2561.	30.
552.	30.	1046.	30.	1055.	30.	2059	30.	2553.	30.	2562	30.
553	30	1047	30.	2051	30.	2060.	30	2554	30.	2563.	30.
554	30	1048.	30	2052	30	2061	30.	2555	30.	2564.	30
555.	30.	1049	30	2053.	30	2062	30.	2556.	30.	2565.	30
556.	30	1050.	30	2054	30	2063	30	2557.	30	Rs.	1500 -
557	30.	1051.	30	2055.	30.	2064	30.	2558.	30.		
558	30.	1052	30	2056	30.	2065	30	2559	30		
559	30	1053.	30.	2057	30	2551.	30.	2560.	30		

No. 20.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Exchange for Company's rupees - 1500

To the Accountant General Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from John Blackburne Esqre., Principal Collector of Madura, the sum of Company's rupees one thousand and five hundred, to be paid, at Madras, to the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Government Bank, I request you will, at sight of this my first Bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum of Company's rupees one thousand and five hundred to the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Government Bank, but not to his order, as per advice from -

Madura 3d. March 1838 -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Hours of acceptance between 10 & 12 A.M. holidays excepted.

No. 122 25 49

To the Collector of Guntoor

Sir

I have the honor to enclose duplicate Bill of Mr. C. B. Glass, assistant Judge of your district, for the amount paid to him from this Treasury, on account of his salary for February, which is debited in the accounts of this office as noted in the margin; leaving you to draw, and credit, on his account, to the Civil fund and request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors." –

Salary		1400 " "
Deduct		
Civil fund @ 6¼ per ct.	87. 8 "	
do. do. @ 10 per do.	140 " "	227. 8 "
	Rs.	1172. 8 "

Madura 5th March 1838 (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 124

To the Superintendent of Stamps Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to request you will transmit by post 2 Rolls of 50 rupees value papers from the quantity indented for on the 16th January, as none remain on hand –

Madura 5th March 1838 (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 126

To the Principal Collector Coimbetoor

Sir

Annexed is the statement of betel leaf duty leviable in this Collectorate as required by your letter of the 3rd instant, this day received –

Madura 7th March 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

	R	a	p
Duty at 5 per Cent on the Tariff Valuation of 10 pice for a bundle of 400 betel leaves –	"	"	½
Town duty on 400 betel leaves....	"	1	6½
	"	1	7

No. 127

To the Assistant Surgeon Madura

Sir

I have the honor to forward a list of medicines, scales and weights &c that the dresser attached to my Cutcherry represents he is in want of –

I am not aware if you have the means and authority to supply them, and therefore request that information; as also if you think the indent is of a

reasonable nature, and if not, that you will modify it either to be supplied by yourself or submitted to other authority -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr

Madura 7th March 1838 -

Memo:

The Principal Collector has the honor to forward the Sub Collector one printed translation of the Acts of the supreme Government noted in the margin, and requests he will acknowledge their receipt - (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Collr Tamil XVII ~~XVIII & XIX~~ of 1837.

Madura 7th March 1838 -

To the Sub Collector & Joint Magistrate Dindigul

No. 128

To the Principal Collector of Tanjaour -

Sir

In thanking you for bringing to my notice, in your letter of the 23d. Ultimo, what you deemed might probably have been a fraudulent change of period allowed for transport of goods, I beg to inform you there has not in fact been any fraud. - The state of the road, as far as it lies in the Ramnad Country, being over tanks and paddy fields, the Chokeydar deemed 30 days a reasonable period, but pressed to take into consideration the season of the year, he gave an additional ten days, altering the period first fixed from 30 to 40 days -

I agree with you it is too much as a general rule, and have brought these cases in particular, and the subject generally, to the notice of all Chokeydars of this Collectorate -

I hope you will not deem I am seeking to find fault with your officers, when I forward you five rowanahs from your Collectorate in which 30 and 40 days time are given after conclusion of the wet season in the months of December and January -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr

Madura 8th March 1838 -

No. 129.

To the Collector of the Southern Division of Arcot

Sir

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Lieut. W. Leggett Commanding General depot at Cuddalore, at sight, for the sum of Company's rupees (10) Ten, being the amount advanced by him to pensioned Gunner James McDonald, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers

between Collectors."   (Signed) J. Blackburne 51
Madura 8th March 1838.   P. Coll.
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No. 130.

To Lieutenant W. Leggett Comg. Gl. Depôt Cuddalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Bill on the Collector of the Southern Division of Arcot in your favor for Company's rupees ten, as requested in your letter of the 23d January.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 8th March 1838.

Exchange for Company's Rupees 10 ..

To the Collector of the Southn. Division of Arcot.

Sir,

At sight please to pay to Lieut. W. Leggett, Commanding General depôt at Cuddalore, or his order, the sum of Company's rupees ten, being the amount advanced by him to pensioned Gunner James McDonald, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 8th March 1838.

Received from the Paymaster, Southn. Divn. Trichinopoly, a draft in duplicate for Company's rupees (59) fifty nine, dated 5th instant, being the pension of two Europeans in advance for March, and pay for Native pensioners attached to the public Bangalows, in arrears for last Month.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 8th March 1838.

No. 131.

To the Assistant Surgeon Madura.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of yesterday's date I have the honor to inform you the object of the indent furnished you was to enable the dresser attached to my Cutcherry to meet any emergencies for which he may be called from one end of the Collectorate to another at a moments warning during the whole year.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 9th March 1838.

No. 137.

To the Assistant Surgeon 33d Regiment N. I. Dindigul.

Sir,

I have the honor to retransmit duly filled up the 2 returns forwarded with your letter of the 28th Ultimo.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura
13th March 1838.

No. 138

To the Sub Treasurer Fort St. George

Sir

In consequence of the instructions of the Accountant General I have the honor to send in charge of the accompanying Guard under the escort of Ensign Charles Mockler of the 33rd Regt. N.I. the sum of Company's rupees (500000) five lacs, as per Invoice enclosed, the receipt of which you will be pleased to acknowledge.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 14th March 1838.

P.S. The original receipt granted by Ensign Charles Mockler for the above is also enclosed.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 139

To the Sub Treasurer Fort St. George

Sir

In consequence of the instructions of the Accountant General I have this day despatched to the Presidency, in charge of a Guard, the sum of Company's rupees (500,000) five lacs, as per duplicate Invoice enclosed.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 14th March 1838.

P.S. The duplicate receipt granted by Ensign Charles Mockler for the above is also enclosed.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 141.

To the Superintendent of Stamps Fort St. George

Sir

As directed in your letter of the 15th ulto. I have the honor to inform you that I have this day despatched in charge of the Guard escorting treasure to the Presidency, as per duplicate list of the 2nd ulto., herein enclosed, the damaged and unsaleable stampt paper &c. therein alluded to.

Madura 14th March 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 142

To the Acting Collector Tinnevelly

Sir

I have the honor to bring to your notice the Change in the date of the enclosed rowanah.

Madura 14th March 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 143.

To the Assistant Surgeon Madura

Sir

In answer to your letter of this date, I have the honor to inform you the dresser attached to my Cutcherry will, this day, be ordered to proceed forthwith into the district

to have medical care of 3 public servants and 500 Coolies in a part of the Country very liable to fever - 27

His stay will depend upon the progress of the work, and the opinion of the Civil Engineer; if the Coolies can be increased to 1500, and the public servants and peons to from 30 to 40, I do not think he will need be absent beyond July -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 14th March 1838.

No. 144.

To the Commissary of Ordnance Trichinopoly

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant I request you will, as you propose, be so good as to furnish me with your receipt for the unserviceable Muskets and Swords forwarded to you with my letter of the 28th Ultimo. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 15th March 1838.

No. 146.

To the Superintendent of Pensions Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, and to inform you that the property of pensioner Thomas Rowe, consisting of 1 Cot 2 old Chairs and a Trunk with his wearing apparel to the estimated value of 10 or 12 rupees, was given up to his Concubine, in virtue of a Will duly executed on the 20th Jany 1825.

Madura Seradunkanil
23d March 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 147

To the Principal Collector of Canara

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter and Memo: annexed from the Accountant General under date the 13th instant, and request you will give me corresponding Credit in your next Accounts as therein directed -

Madura 25th March 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Received from the Paymaster Southern Division Trichinopoly a Draft, in duplicate, for Company's Anas 12, dated 15th instant, being the amount of a Bill for Conveying treasure to the Officer Commanding at Dindigul

Madura Dovadanoputty
23d March 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 151.

To the Acting Collector Tinnevelly

Sir, I have the honor to inform you the Poorattee alluded to in your letter of the 23rd instant does not enter into the Tariff of this Collectorate.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 26th March 1838.

No. 153.

To the Acting Collector Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an original agreement of the inhabitants of Keelavut-Coorchee Village of Ramoswaram Dawastanom to abide by your decision on the subject of the boundary dispute between them, and the inhabitants of Valakunuttom in your Collectorate.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 27th March 1838.

No. 155.

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

In returning Mr. Harris' bills for deputation allowance, enclosed in your letter of the 23rd instant, received only yesterday, I beg leave to forward copy of a letter from the Civil Auditor of the 9th December last, as grounds for declining to give you credit for the amount.

Madura 28th March 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Triplicate

This is to certify that a detachment of the 33rd Regiment N. I., consisting of 1 Havildar 1 Naigue and 6 privates, marched from Ramnad to Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st instant, in charge of treasure; arrived there on the 26th and were at liberty to return the next day.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 28th March 1838.

Furnished to the Officer comg. detacht. of the 33rd Regt. N. I. at Ramnad.

No. 158.

To the Assistant Judge in Charge Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Warrant with Shevagooroonadapillay, Curnoms Gomastee of Chettyciel, and Soobramanyapillay, Sumperdy of Shembamary Mahgan in Amarawady talook of the Shevagunga Zemindary, committed for embezzling Government Grain, and sentenced to 3 months imprisonment in the Zillah Jail, on failing to pay the fine of 50 rupees imposed on each of them

agreeably to Clause 4th Section V Regulation IX of 1822.

Madura 30th March 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne 28 P. Coll.

No. 161

To the Sub Collector in charge of Canara
Mangalore

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 20th received on the 28th instant, I beg leave to inform you every care shall be taken to forward your wishes. As the security bond from the tobacco contractor is to be taken in a distant talook it will be some time before I am able to forward it to you, but from the respectable Character of the man and his former punctuality I trust you have no cause to fear disappointment.

(Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Madura 31st March 1838.

Memo:

The Principal Collector has the honor to forward the accompanying Tamil Almanac for the use of the Sub Collector's Office.

(Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Madura 31st March 1838.

To the Sub Collector of Madura.

No. 163

To the Secretary to the Committee for the revision of Customs and Post office department for India
Calcutta

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the statement of Land Customs prepared in conformity with your instructions of the 12th August.

(Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Madura 2nd April 1838.

No. 165

To Messrs. Poor, Todd and Dwight. Madura

Gentlemen,

The Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council having been apprised of the success attending the exertions of yourselves and brethren in the establishment, and conduct, of Schools for the education of the Native community in this collectorate, and of the embarrassment under which you are laboring from the failure of remittances from America, owing to the present depressed

state of commerce in that Country, has authorised me to make you a donation of three thousand (3000) rupees in aid of those valuable institutions, which I have much pleasure in communicating to you, and beg to inform you the Cashkeeper has received orders to pay you the amount on granting me your receipt in duplicate.—

Madura 2d. April 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 166.

To the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly.

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Mr. Graham, Post office Writer at Pallamcottah, at sight, for the sum of Company's rupees (70) seventy, being the amount paid into my treasury by Captain Faber, Civil Engineer, 8th. Divn., which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."—

Madura 2d. April 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Exchange for Company's Rupees 70 " "

To the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

At sight please to pay to Mr. Graham, Post office Writer at Pallamcottah, or his order, the sum of Company's rupees seventy, being the amount paid into my treasury by Captain Faber, Civil Engineer 8th. Division, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Madura 2d. April 1838. P. Coll.

Received from the Register of the Zillah Court of Madura, the sum of Company's rupees (679. 9. 4.) six hundred and seventy nine and pice four, being the amount of fees fines and penalties levied, and the proceeds of sales of paper &c in last Month.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Madura 2d. April 1838. P. Coll.

Memo:

The Principal Collector of Madura has the pleasure to forward to Mr. Graham, Post office Writer at Pallamcottah a Bill on the Collector of Tinnevelly for rupees 70, on account

of Captain Faber, Civil Engineer 8th Division -

Madura 2d April 1838 - (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 167.

To the Collector of Trichinopoly -

Sir,

I have the honor to forward 1000 Sayer rowanahs of 1 ana value, being in part of those you were kind enough to lend me, the remaining 2000 shall be transmitted by successive tappals -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 3d April 1838 -

No. 169.

To the Principal Collector of Malabar - Calicut -

Sir,

In answer to a letter of the 26th Ultimo from your Acting Head Assistant, Mr Goodwyn, I have the honor to request you will be so good as to communicate to him that under the orders of the 4th April 1836 I am aware of no objection to his taking advantage of the indulgence agreeably to the accompanying Memo; if he did provide accomodation for his Establishment -

Madura 5th April 1838 - (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Memo:

Amount of Extra tent allowance of Mr T. W. Goodwyn Acting Head Assistant Collector of Madura from 4th April to 29th December 1836 under provision of the Minutes of Consultation under date 4th April of the same year being 270 days @ 2 5/8 rupees a day ——— 708-12-"

Deduct -

Amount from 6th to 19th April, from 2d to 19th Augt. and from 21st to 29th December 1836, the period of his residence at Madura, being 41 days @ 2 5/8 Rs. per do. 107-10-"

Amount drawn on Circuit for 111 days @ 2 5/8 rupees per do. ——— 291-6-" 399-"-"

Madura 5th April 1838 - Balance due - 309-12-"

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 175.

To the Secretary to the Committee for Public Instruction and of the College - Fort St George -

Sir,

I have the honor to forward transcript of the

acknowledgement of the American Mission of the late liberal donation of Government.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 12th April 1838.

No. 177.

To the Register in charge of the Zillah Court of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to return the two quires of Royal paper which the Court was kind enough to lend me on the 27th February. D.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 14th April 1838.

No. 178.

To the Commissary of Ordnance Trichinopoly

Sir, I have the honor to enclose a counter-signed indent for Arms, which I shall be obliged by your forwarding me by bandies, at your convenience. D.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 14th April 1838.

No. 180.

To the Superintendent of Government Lottery Madras.

Sir, I have the honor to forward the second Class Ticket, No. 2563, of the 12th Government Lottery as requested in your letter of the 12th instant. D

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 16th April 1838.

No. 182.

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Captain Charles Hosmer, Commissary of Ordnance, or his order for the sum of Company's rupees (277 " 6½) Two hundred and seventy seven and pice six and a half, being the value of Tools supplied for the Tank department of this district, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors." D

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 17th April 1838.

No. 183.

To the Commissary of Ordnance Trichinopoly.

Sir, I have the honor to enclose a Bill, in your favor, on the Collector of Trichinopoly, for C. Rs. 277 " 6½, being the value of tools for the Tank depart. D.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 17th April 1838.

Exchange for Company's rupees ... 277-11-6½ 59

To the Collector of Trichinopoly. 30

Sir,

At ten days after sight please to pay to Captain Charles Hosmer, Commissary of Ordnance, or his order, the sum of Company's rupees two hundred and seventy seven and pice six and a half, being value of tools supplied for the tank department of this district, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors".

Madura 17th April 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Received into the honorable Company's treasury from C. Vencut Rao, Sherestadar in the Sub Collectors Cutcherry of Madura, the sum of Company's rupees (9) nine, on account of subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette.

Madura 17th April 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

This is to certify that I took advantage of a return treasure guard to escort 60 convicts, for the works at Paumben, on the 28th February, to the officer commanding detachment of 33rd Regiment N. I. at Ramnad, also at the time in charge of the works at Paumben, and leaving it entirely to his discretion to supply a similar escort to the place of destination, a distance of 30 miles from Ramnad.

Dindigul 20th April 1838 (Signed) J. Blackburne Magt.

To the Officer Comm.g detacht. 33rd Regt. N. I. Ramnad.

No. 185.

To the Register in Charge Madura.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Warrant with Moottoosawmy pillay Monegar, Soobramany pillay Sumperdy and Shevasoobramony pillay Curnum, of Mootoonaut Mahgaum in Amarawady talook, of the Shevagunga Zemindary, committed for embezzling Government Grain, and sentenced to 3 months imprisonment in the Zillah Jail, on failing to pay the fine of 50 rupees imposed on each of them, agreeably to Clause 4 Sectn. V Regulation IX of 1822.

(Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Dindigul 23rd April 1838.

Received from the Paymaster Southern Division Trichinopoly, a draft in duplicate for Company's rupees (46-5) forty six and anas five, dated 17th instant, being the pension

of an European in advance for April, and pay for Native pensioners attached to the public Bungalows, in arrears for last Month -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura Ammianaickenoor }
23rd April 1838 - }

No. 189

To the Commissary of Ordnance Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to return the receipts which accompanied your letter of the 14th instant, with my signature affixed thereto -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 25th April 1838 -

No. 190

To the Superintendent of Pensions Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward two nominal Rolls of pensioners receiving pay in this Collectorate, prepared in conformity to the instructions contained in your Circular No. 83, dated the 5th January last -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 25th April 1838 -

No. 192

To the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly -

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter, and Extract of a Memo: from the Accountant General, by an oversight included in a Memo: to this office, together with Mr Prendergast's Bill, therein alluded to, for the necessary adjustment being made by you -

Madura 25th April 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 194

To the Secretary to the late post office Committee
Calcutta

Sir,

In obedience to instructions received this day from the Post Master General at Fort St. George, I have the honor to observe that tho' Virdooputty is rightly laid down in the Map of post office stations, it is on the Bungalow route from Madura to Pallamcottah, not on the post route which is on a nearly parallel line on the North of it, and has no Village on it of any note, the several small ones -

Madura 25th April 1838 -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. M.

No. 195.

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that

I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Ensign R. Cooper, at sight, for the sum of Company's rupees (401-13-) four hundred and one and Anas thirteen, being the amount paid into my treasury by Lieutenant Colonel Dyce Commanding 45th Regiment Dindigul, on account of the detachment under his command, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 25th April 1838.

No. 196

To the Principal Collector of Salem

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Captain W. N. A. Freeman, at sight, for the sum of Company's rupees (387-1-) three hundred and Eighty seven and Anas One, being the amount paid into my treasury by Lieutenant Colonel Dyce, Commanding 45th Regiment, Dindigul, on account of the detachment under his command, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 25th April 1838.

No. 197

To Lieutenant Colonel Dyce Comg. 45th Regiment Dindigul

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose 2 Bills on the Principal Collectors of Coimbatore and Salem; one, on the former, for Company's rupees 401-13-; and the other, on the latter, for Company's rupees 387-1- as requested in your letter of the 22d instant.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 25th April 1838.

Exchange for Company's Rupees 401-13-

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

At sight please to pay to Ensign R. Cooper, or his order, the sum of Company's rupees four hundred and one and Anas thirteen, being the amount paid into my treasury by Lieutt. Col. Dyce, Comg. 45th Regiment, Dindigul on account of the detacht. under his command, which sum will be credited to you under the head of Remittances

and transfers between Collectors." (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.
Madura 25th April 1838.

Exchange for Company's rupees 387-1-

To the Principal Collector of Salem

Sir,

At sight please to pay to Captain W. N. A. Freeman, or his order, the sum of Company's rupees three hundred and eighty seven and Anas one, being the amount paid into my treasury by Lieut. Col. Dyce Comg. 45th Regiment, Dindigul, on account of the detachment under his command which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors." (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.
Madura 25th April 1838.

No. 199.

To the Register to the Southern Provincial Court of Appeal Trichinopoly

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 25th instant, I have the honor to state that I knew no objection to the appointment of Chintamony Sashiah as Government Vakeel of the Provincial Court; but have heard him represented as an honest and active man well skilled in the practise of the Courts. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.
Madura 26th April 1838.

Replicate

This is to Certify that a detachment of the 33 Regiment N. I. Consisting of 1 Havildar 1 Naigue and 6 privates, marched from Ramnad to Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st instant, in charge of Treasure; arrived there on the 27th, and were at liberty to return the next day. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.
Madura 27th April 1838.

Furnished to the Officer Comg. detacht. of the 33rd Regt. N. I. at Ramnad.

No. 202

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter received yesterday from the Civil Auditor, dated the 20th instant, and request you will recover the amount therein retrenched from Mr. Harris's salary, and apprise me of having given me credit for the same. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.
Madura 28th April 1838

No. 203. 32 63

To Lieutenant Colonel J. Wilson Comg. 40th Regt. N. I.
Dindigul

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a Memo: received from the Post Master General, and request you will be good enough to pay the amount therein alluded to, Vizt. Anas 4, to the Post office Writer at Dindigul -

Madura 28th April 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Memo

The Head Assistant Collector is requested to state his wishes as to his future residence, that the Principal Collector may be enabled to judge what duty can be most conveniently imposed upon him

Madura 28th April 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl Collr.

Memo

The Government finding the returns of residence and places visited by the revenue Officers every day of the year, give trouble to the Presidency offices, and feeling assured, from the high sense of honor by which the service is characterized that there will be no unauthorized absence from station or duty, directs the discontinuance of such returns in future

Madura 30th April 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl Collr. & Magte.

To the Sub Collector & Joint Magte.
of Dindigul

No. 200

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Captain C. E. Faber, Civil Engineer, 8th Division, at sight, for the sum of Company's rupees (461. 4 ..) four hundred and sixty one and Anas four, being on account of Pay of his Establishment for April, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors" (Signed) J. Blackburne

No. 207

To the Superintendent of the Government Lottery Madras

Sir

I have the honor to forward the Second Class Tickets Nos. 1050 1054 and 1055 of the 62d. Government Lottery as requested by your letter of the 25th. ultimo.

(Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Madura 1st. May 1838.

No. 208

To the Superintendent of the Government Lottery Fort St. George

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 3d. ultimo, I have the honor to annex a register of prizes together with the 1st. Class Tickets paid in the 62d. Government Lottery.

(Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Madura 1st. May 1838.

Register of prizes paid in the 1st. Class of the 62d. Government Lottery in the districts of Madura & Dindigul.

No.	CR.	a	P
555.	60.	..	..
1046.	60	..	..
2065.	60	..	..
2559	60.	..	..
	240	..	..
Deduct commission @10 per cent	24.	..	..
Net CRs.	216.	..	..

(Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 211.

To the Secretary to the late Committee for the revision of Customs and Post office department for India Calcutta.

Sir

I have the honor to forward the Statement of Land Customs prepared in Conformity with your instructions of the 12th August.

Madura 2d. May 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 212. 33 65

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 11th ulto. I have the honor to forward for your information Copy of one from the Choukeydar of Chintamonyputty.

Madura 2nd May 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 213.

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

Having Compared the Tamil Statement forwarded with your letter of the 30th Ultimo with the reports of the Chokees received in this office I have the honor to inclose a Memo: shewing the places at which the Betel leaves were not received.

Madura 2nd May 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 214

To the Register in Charge of Zillah Court of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose a Bill on the Collector of Trichinopoly for the sum of Company's rupees (123-10-6) one hundred and twenty three, Anas ten, and pice six as required by your letter of this days date.

Madura 2nd May 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Exchange for Company's rupees 123-10-6

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

At sight please to pay to Lieutenant A. De Butts superintending Engineer in the Southern Division or his order the sum of Company's rupees one hundred and twenty three, Anas ten and pice six being the amount of an Estimate of Jail repairs which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

Madura 2nd May 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 215.

To the Collector of Trichinopoly.

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that

I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Lieutenant A. De Butts superintending Engineer in the Southern Division, at sight, for the sum of Company's rupees (123-10-6) one hundred and twenty three, anas ten, and pice six, being the amount of an Estimate of Sail repairs, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors." —

Madura 2d May 1838 (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 216.

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose you a rowanah on plain paper but bearing your seal and name stamped upon it No. 92, issued by the Chokeydar of the Cusbah Trichinopoly on the 25th Ultimo, as it does not appear to me sufficient to secure the uninterrupted transit of goods it is meant to protect —

Madura 2d May 1838 (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 218.

To the Post Master of Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your information Copy of an address from the Post office Writer at Dindigul —

Madura 3d May 1838 (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Memo:

The Principal Collector has the honor to request the assistant Surgeon will inform him if he deem the illness of dresser Moottoosawmy sufficient to have warranted his desertion of his charge at the Chinna Mooleār, and if so, how long he anticipates his remaining at Madura will be requisite; and if for more than five days if he can send the dresser attached to himself to relieve him, or has any other means at command for attending to the people whom every endeavor is making to congregate on the spot —

Madura 3d May 1838 (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 221

To the Collector of Masulipatam

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose 5 Bills of

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Mr. R. Davidson, Head Assistant Collector of your district, for the amount paid to him from this treasury on account of his salary, house rent, tent allowance and average Commission from 1st to 6th April 1838, leaving you to draw and credit on his account, to the Civil fund, as noted in the Margin and request that the same may be adjusted in your Accounts under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors." — (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

2/3rd Salary	70 " "
1/3 do.	35 " "
Average Commission	27. 2. 10
	132. 2. 10
Deduct Civil fund	8. 4. 2
	123. 14. 8
House rent	7 " "
Tent allowance	8. 6. 5
	Rs. 139. 5. 1

Madura 4th May 1838.

No. 223

To the Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir,

The extensive works going on at the Chinna Mooliar beyond Cumbom in Thenkurray suffering much interruption from the sickness prevailing there, and the dresser attached to my office having considered his own illness sufficient to warrant his desertion of his duty I have the honor to request you will send (if you can by any means spare him) your own dresser to that place, to take it in turns with mine monthly, mine being relieved shall always return in the intervening month to do duty at your office. — (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Madura 5th May 1838.

No. 225

To the Officer Commanding Southern Division of the Army — Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be so good as to provide an escort for six lacs of Rupees to the Presidency to leave Madura on the 10th proximo —

(Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Madura 5th May 1838

No. 228

To the Register in Charge of the Zillah Court Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Extract of a Memo.

memo: with para's 1 & 3. of a letter from the Accountant General under date the 30th Ultimo, and request you will be good enough to furnish me the required Explanation as early as possible

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 7th May 1838

No 233

To The Assistant Surgeon of Dindigul

Sir, In answer to your letter of the 28th Ultimo, I have the honor to forward for your information Copy of an address from the Moosamdar of Thenkurray Talook

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 7th May 1838.

No 234.

To The Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir, I have the honor to inform you I purpose despatching 60000 Rupees to the Presidency on the 10th proximo

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 8th May 1838.

No 235. Similar to P. Collr. of South Arcot
&
No 236. To Collector of Chingleput

No 237

To the Register in Charge of the Zillah Court Madura

Sir, I have the honor to forward Copy of an address from the Davastanom Tasildar of Shevagunga and request you will be good enough to remit me Rupees 42. 1. 6, being Quit rent due, for fuslies 1246 & 1247, from Cotthavuncolum Dhurmadenom Village attached by the Zillah Court -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr.

Madura
10th May 1838

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No 238

To

The Sub Treasurer

Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the following Draft in payment of public revenue, which I request you will be so good as to realize

A Draft on Nattarcottah Natcheapah Chetty at Moottyal pettah, in Pavalacaura street, at Madras, at 15 Days sight, drawn by Ramanauden Chetty, for Rupees 5000; & I request to be furnished with a receipt for the above Bill

(Signed) J Blackburne

Madura 10th May 1838.

P. Collr.

No 240.

To The Superintendent of Pensions

Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to forward monthly return of a European Pensioner, Corporal Peter Hallingsworth, received from the Depot at Cuddalore, for teaching the Natives the use of the fly shuttle for the Current month

(Signed) J Blackburne

Madura 11th May 1838.

Prin. Collector

No 241

To the Superintendent of the Government Lottery

Fort St George

Sir,

Agreeably to your letter of the 7th Ulto. I have the honor to annex a Register of Tickets renewed and returned in the 2d Class of the 62 Governt. Lottery, amounting to Company's rupees (2030) Two thousand and thirty, for which sum a Bill on the Accountant General, in favor of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Government Bank, is herewith Enclosed

(Signed) J Blackburne

Prin. Collector

Madura

12th May 1838

Register of the 62nd Government Lottery Tickets renewed and returned in the districts of Madura and Dindigul.

	Number	Value	Number	Value		Number
Tickets renewed	551	70	2056	70	Tickets returned	1048
	552	70	2057	70		2054
	553	70	2058	70		2064
	554	70	2059	70		2558
	556	70	2061	70		
	557	70	2063	70		
	1047	70	2551	70		
	1049	70	2552	70		
	1051	70	2553	70		
	1052	70	2554	70		
	1053	70	2555	70		
	2051	70	2557	70		
	2052	70	2561	70		
	2053	70	2565	70		
	2055	70	C.Rs.	2030		

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 243.

To the Register in Charge of the Zillah Court
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of rupees 255. 4. 10, forwarded with your letter of this day's date.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 12th May 1838.

Received from the Register in charge of the Zillah Court of Madura the sum of Company's rupees (900. 14. 7) nine hundred, anas fourteen and pice seven, being the amount of fees, fines, and penalties levied, and the proceeds of sales of paper &c in last Month.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 12th May 1838.

No. 244.

To the Assistant Surgeon Madura

Sir,

Your packet of Medecines shall be forwarded to the Chinna Moolean tho' there is no Banghy on that route. May I request you will do me the honor of informing me if any paper of instructions or list of Medecines accompany the packet:- if I am to consider it as an answer to my application to you of the 7th March, or in fact why I am made the Medium of communication with a servant attached to my office or doing his duty, without being apprized of the

nature or object of the service I am rendering 36 71

Madura 12th May 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll

No. 245

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant I beg leave to offer my opinion that the authority cited by you viz. of the 6th July 1815, is entirely superseded by enactment of the subsequent Regulation II of 1817. Meantime, I shall, however, direct the rowanahs issued under your view of the subject to be respected in this Collectorate.

Madura 14th May 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll

No. 247

To the Assistant Surgeon Madura

Sir,

1. As your letter of the 11th instant would seem to intimate that no good could result from any personal local enquiry, far be it from me to urge so useless a labor on you: neither do I conceive I have any thing further to do in cases of severe or extraordinary sickness than to bring them to your notice with such suggestions as occur to me, and leave the matter entirely to your own descretion, as in the present case.

2. If your records contain the reasonings or result of the consultation of the medical committee after the great mortality in Dindigul in 1811 I should be glad to be favored with their perusal, that I may endeavor to ascertain if there be any analogy between the fever that then raged and that now prevailing at the Chinna Moolian that I may take such steps as may seem desirable to me to protect the labourers from it.

Madura 14th May 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll

No. 249

To the Register in Charge of the Zillah Court Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of rupees 42-1-6 forwarded with your letter of this day's date.

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Madura 14th May 1838. P. Coll.

Nº 250

To the Officer in Charge of Operations at Paumben

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 11th instant I take the liberty to inform you the receipt for rupees 1000 should have been sent with your guard to receive the money from the Salt Tasildar at Ramnad. If there has been, in consequence, any delay in your receipt of the money, the best way will be to get back the receipt from the Paumben Chokeydar and forward it with your guard to Ramnad.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 15th May 1838.

Nº 252

To the Officer in charge of the operations at Paumben

Sir,

The peon of Convicts who has so greatly exceeded his leave of absence can be very properly discharged, and you have authority to appoint any other fit person you think proper. If you are at a loss to find one, and wish me to assist you I will send you one with great pleasure.

Madura 15th May 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Nº 253.

To the Assistant Surgeon Madura

Sir,

I was very sorry to receive your letter of yester afternoon; does it not appear to you that official courtesy—official duty—required that my application for medicines of the 7th March should have met some further attention than the supply of a portion on the 12th instant to my Native Dresser without my privity and without any communication to me?

In future when you wish to avail yourself of the convenience of my Cutcherry for official communication in the talooks I request you will be so good as to send your letters or parcels for my counter-

=signature - It is requisite to prevent abuse in the office -

I presume you have been misinformed respecting the verbal message alluded to in your letter it is neither a complete nor correct statement of the fact -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 15th May 1838.

No. 254.

To the Officer Commanding Dindigul

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to forward me the duplicate draft of the Military Paymaster, Southn. Division, No. 487, for rupees 131-13-9-, dated 27th March, the amount of which was paid to Lieutt. Col. Dyce on the 27th April by the Taudicomboo Tasildar, to whom the original draft only was furnished -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 15th May 1838.

No. 255.

To the Register in Charge Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to request your attention to my letter of the 7th instant and beg you to put down my impatience to the score of the Accountant General -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 16th May 1838.

No. 256.

To the Collector of Masulipatam

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of an Extract of a letter from the Acting Civil Auditor under date the 3d June 1837, received from the Accountant General since the despatch of my letter of the 4th instant inclosing 5 Bills of Mr. Davidson for adjustment in your Accounts, and with reference thereto, I request you will be good enough to Cancel the adjustments, and return me the Bills -

Madura
16th May 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Received from the Paymaster, Southern Division, Trichinopoly, a draft in duplicate for Company's rupees (46.5.-) forty-six and Anas five, dated 14th instant, being the pension of a European in advance for May, and Pay for Native pensioners attached to public Bungalows in arrears for April.

Madura 10th May 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll

No. 258.

To the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your information Copy of an address from the Choukeydar of Pullymuddoom

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll

Madura 18th May 1838.

Memo:

The Principal Collector has the honor to apprize the Assistant Surgeon that all public letters to be forwarded under his frank should be sent open, in conformity with the existing rules of the service. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll

Madura 18th May 1838.

No. 260.

To the Assistant Surgeon Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a prescription of your dresser for a private Servant of mine, and take the liberty to ask if you are authorized to supply him with it: and if so, whether it was not the duty of your dresser to have communicated with you and provided him with it rather than have given him a prescription of drugs with the Names of which he is unacquainted, and knows not how to procure.

If the course was pursued in the supposition that I keep a Chest of various medicines, and that therefore the Govt. may not suffer expense, I beg to inform you I have no other than a small quantity of Quinine.

If I have been irregular in advising my private servant to apply to your dresser for advice and medicine, I request you will be so good as to inform me that I may avoid similar error in future. It is so rarely that I have ventured to apply to European

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medical practitioners on behalf of my native servants & that I doubt from the conduct of your dresser I must have made a requisition thro' my servant which is unauthorized -
(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 19th May 1838 -

No. 264.

To the Principal Collector of Malabar - Calicut

Sir,

In answer to another official letter from your Acting head assistant may I request you will be so good as to communicate to him the contents of mine to you of the 3rd ultimo -
(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 20th May 1838 -

Received from the Paymaster, Southn. Division, Trichinopoly, a draft in duplicate for Company's rupees (12-11-,,) twelve and Anas Eleven, dated 18th instant, being the pension of an European in advance for this Month -

Madura 20th May 1838 - (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 267.

To the Commissary of Ordnance - Trichinopoly -

Sir,

I have the honor to return the duplicate receipts duly signed by me, as requested in your letter of the 10th instant -
(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 25th May 1838 -

This is to Certify that store Lascar, Aroomoogom, No. 582, of the ordnance department, arrived here with Military stores on the 24th, and left this place for Trichinopoly on the 25th instant. - (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 25th May 1838 -

Furnished to store Lascar Aroomoogom of the ordnance dept. at Trichinopoly -

No. 268.

To the Register in Charge of the Zillah Court Madura

Sir,

With reference to your indent for Arms on the 8th Jany. last, I have the honor to forward 17 Muskets (in lieu of Carbines the Government having

determined that all indents should be confined to infantry Muskets / and 8 Pistols complete,* I request you will be pleased to acknowledge their receipt -

*216 Ball cartridges

Madura 25th May 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 270.

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter received, this day from the Civil Auditor, dated the 19th instant, and request you will recover the amount therein retrenched from Mr Harris's salary, and apprize me of having given me credit for the same -

Madura 25th May 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 273.

To the Principal Collector S. D. Arcot

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your information Copy of an address from the Manager of the Ramnad Zemindary dated the 19th instant, and trust you will give such assistance as you think just.

Madura 25th May 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 274.

To the Register in Charge Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you I have no detailed information in my office of the particulars required in your letter of yesterday's date, regarding certain villages in the talook of Anamuntagoody in the Ramnad Zemindary -

Madura 25th May 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 275.

To the Officer in Charge of Convicts - Paumben

Sir,

There is not the slightest objection to your restoring the peon, Viapoory Naick, to his situation, and as you have requested I have this day desired the Chokeydar to withhold, and carry to account of Govt, all pay during his absence beyond the period of his leave -

Madura 26th May 1838.

Signed J. Blackburne Princl Collr

N.o 278.

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir, I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Mr R. Codrington Fort adjutant, Trichinopoly, at sight, for the sum of Company's rupees (6) six, being the amount advanced to Corporal Peter Hollingsworth, appointed to teach the natives the art of weaving, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."—

Madura 20th May 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll

N.o 279.

To the Fort Adjutant of Trichinopoly

Sir, I have the honor to inclose a Bill on the Collector of Trichinopoly, in your favor, for Company's Rup.s (6) six, being the amount advanced by you to Corporal Peter Hollingsworth, as requested in your letter of the 5th instant.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll

Madura 20th May 1838.

Exchange for Company's rupees 6..

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir, At sight please to pay to Mr R. Codrington, Fort adjutant, Trichinopoly, or his order, the sum of Company's rupees six, being the amount advanced to Corporal Peter Hollingsworth, appointed to teach the natives the art of weaving, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."—

(Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Madura 20th May 1838.

Received from the Civil Engineer 8th Division a Bill of Exchange for rupees 11. 10. 8 forwarded with his letter of the 21st instant.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll

Madura 20th May 1838.

N.o 281.

To the Officer Commanding S. D. of the Army Trichinopoly.

Sir, Under the possibility that my application

of the 5th instant for an Escort for six lacs of rupees to the presidency, from the Madura treasury, on the 10th prox: may have miscarried, I take the liberty of repeating it. D

Madura 28th May 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Treplicate

This is to certify that a detachment of the 33d Regt. N. I. consisting of 1 Havildar, 1 Naique and 6 privates, marched from Ramnad to Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st instant in charge of treasure, arrived there on the 27th, were detained till the 29th to escort 30 Convicts to Ramnad, on their way to Paumben. D

Furnished to the officer [illegible] of a detach 33d Reg N. I. at Ramnad

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 28th May 1838.

No. 289.

To the Principal Collector of Tanjaour.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of an address from the Chokeydar of Thoverancurchy and request you will be good enough to favor me with an Extract from your register of rowanahs that I may not delay the release of the 10 Candies of Nona root in event of the Merchants statement being correct regarding the loss of the rowanah. D

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 1st June 1838.

No. 287

To the Secretary to the late Committee for the revision of Customs and Post Office Department for India

Calcutta

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the Statement of Land Customs prepared in conformity with your instructions of the 12th August. D

Madura 1st June 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 288.

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Mr Graham at sight, for the sum of Company's rupees (40) forty, being portion of Sub Assistant Surveyor Chatelier's pay for May, which D

sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances & transfers between Collectors"- (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll-
Madura 1st June 1838-

Memo:

The Principal Collector begs to forward to Mr Graham a Bill drawn on the Collector of Tinnevelly in his favor for Company's rupees (40) forty, being portion of Sub assistant Surveyor Chatelier's pay, as requested by the Civil Engineer's memo of this date- (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll-
Madura 1st June 1838-

Exchange for Company's rupees - 40 - " - "

To the Collector of Tinnevelly-

Sir,

At sight please to pay to Mr Graham, or his order, the sum of Company's rupees forty, being portion of Sub assistant Surveyor Chatelier's pay for May, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances & transfers between Collectors."- (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll-
Madura 1st June 1838-

This is to Certify that Sub assistant revenue Surveyor Chatelier has received his pay and allowances up to the 31st May, and to no later period-
Madura 1st June 1838- (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll-

Furnished to the Civil Engineer-

This is to Certify that the following persons attached to the Assistant Civil Engineer, 8th Division, have received their pay up to 31st May, and to no later period-

	Rs a p
1 Maistry	28 " "
4 Lascars @ 7 rupees each	28 " "

Madura 1st June 1838- (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll-

Furnished to the Civil Engineer

This is to Certify that the following persons attached to the Civil Engineers department 8th Division have received their pay and allowances up to the 31st May and to no later period-

	R a p
6 Lascars @ 7 rupees each per month	42 " "
1 Peon	7 " "
1 Maistry	35 " "
1 Writer	52 8 "

Madura 1st June 1838- (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll-

Furnished to the Civil Engineer-

No. 291.

To the Principal Collector of Malabar.

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have, this day, drawn upon you a Bill in favor of T. W. Goodwyn Esqre, late acting Head Assistant Collector of Madura, at sight, for Company's rupees (309-12-") three hundred and nine and Anas twelve, being the amount of Extra tent allowance undrawn in the year 1836, for 118 days, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors." —

Madura 2d June 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Exchange for Company's rupees 309-12-".

To the Principal Collector of Malabar

Sir,

At sight please to pay to T. W. Goodwyn Esqre, late acting head assistant Collector of Madura, or his order, the sum of Company's rupees three hundred and nine and Anas twelve being the amount of Extra tent allowance, undrawn in the year 1836, for 118 days; which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors." —

Madura 2d June 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 292.

To the Principal Collector of the Sn. Dn. of Arcot.

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Lieutt. W. Leggett, Commanding General depôt at Cuddalore, at sight, for the sum of Company's rupees (10) ten, being the amount advanced by him to pensioned Corporal, Peter Hollingsworth, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

Madura 2d June 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 293.

To Lieutenant W. Leggett Commanding Genl. Depôt Cuddalore

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose a Bill on the Collector of the Southern Division of Arcot in your favor for Company's rupees ten, as requested in your letter of the 22d April.

Madura 2d June 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Exchange for Company's rupees ... 10 " — "

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To the Principal Collector of the Sn. Dn. of Arcot.

Sir,

At sight please to pay to Lieut. W. Liggett, Commanding General depôt at Cuddalore, or his order the sum of Company's rupees ten, being the amount advanced by him to pensioned Corporal, Peter Hollingsworth, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

Madura 2d June 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Received from the Register in charge of the Zillah Court of Madura the sum of Company's rupees (696-1-2) six hundred and ninety-six, anas one and pice two, being the amount of fees, fines and penalties levied, and the proceeds of sales of paper &c in last month.

Madura 5th June 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

This is to Certify that Ensign C. Mockler, Commanding detachment 33d Regiment N. I, has this day delivered 42 Boxes, containing new Copper quarter ana pice peices, amounting to five thousand (5000) Company's rupees.

(Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Madura 9th June 1838.

Furnished to Ensign C. Mockler Comg detacht 33d Regt N. I.

Captain McClellan
for
E. Bannerman Esqre — Dr.

To amount of a share of Quit rent for the year 1837/38 or fusly 1247 on account of ground occupied by you as a dwelling house, near Madura, being a portion of the ground for which a Company's grant was obtained in the name of W. F. Newlyn Esqre on the 1st August 1818, for the annual rent of Rupees 62-7-5 .. Rs. 29-6-9

Madura 11th June 1838.

Amount received.
(Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

(Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 299.

To the Assistant Criminal Judge Cuddalore

Sir,

Being informed that you are in the habit of procuring thread from Pondicherry for your looms, may

I request you will be good enough to procure same for me, and inform me how I am to apply for it direct without putting you to trouble and inconvenience in future - When you send me the thread I shall feel obliged by your sending me 12 Brushes also as they are not procurable here -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 12th June 1838.

No. 300.

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward statement of Tobacco which has paid inland duty at the Vailwarcottah Choukey for Consumption in your district, and request you will have the goodness to ascertain if it has reached its destinations, and inform me if it has not -

Madura 12th June 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 301

To the Principal Collector of Tanjaour

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a statement of parcels of Tobacco that have paid inland duty at the Vailwarcottah Choukey for Consumption in your district, and request you will have the goodness to ascertain if they have reached their destinations and inform me if they have not -

Madura 12th June 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

J. Kellie Esqr. ---- Dr.

To amount of Quit rent for the year 1837/38 or fusly 1247, on account of ground, occupied by you as a dwelling house, near Madura, for which a Company's Grant was obtained in the name of G. F. Cherry Esqr. on the 6th November 1812 - Rupees ---------------------------- 68-4-4

Madura 12th June 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 303

To the Sub Treasurer - Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th ultimo, and a remittance of five thousand Company's rupees (5000) in new Copper Coins, and beg to transmit you my duplicate receipt for the same -

Madura 13th June 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 304.

To the Sub Treasurer Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th Ultimo, and a remittance of five thousand Company's rupees (5000) in new Copper Coins, and beg to transmit you my receipt for the same.

Madura 13th June 1838 (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 305.

To the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of an address from the Superintendent of the Abesaga Pun=daram Kutlay of the Meenatchee pagoda, and request you will forward me the collections made from the Villages allotted to the pagoda therein alluded to with an ac=count particular.— (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Madura 13th June 1838.

Received from the Paymaster Southern Division Trich=inopoly, a draft in duplicate for Company's rupees (59) fifty nine, dated 11th instant, being the pension of Europeans in advance for June, and pay for native pensioners at=tached to the public Bungalows in arrears, for last month.

Madura 13th June 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Duplicate

Received from Ensign C. Mockler Commanding a detachment of the 33rd Regiment N. I. in good order and well conditioned, forty-two Boxes of new Copper quarter Ana pice pieces, amounting to Company's rupees five thousand (5000), consigned by the Sub Treasurer for the use of the districts of Madura and Dindigul.

Madura 13th June 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Received into the Honorable Company's Treasury from P. Ramasawmy Rajah, district Moonsiff of Paramagoody, the sum of Company's rupees (3) three on account of subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette.

Madura 13th June 1838 (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

This is to Certify that assistant revenue Surveyor Manuel Martin has received his pay and allowances up to the 31st May 1838 and to no later period -
Madura 14th June 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.
Furnished to the Civil Engineer.

This is to Certify that assistant revenue Surveyor J. H. Hogg has received his pay and allowances up to the 30th April 1838, and to no later period. -
Madura 15th June 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.
Furnished to the Civil Engineer.

This is to Certify that Sub assistant revenue Surveyor A. D. Campbell has received his pay and allowances up to the 31st May 1838, and to no later period.
Madura 14th June 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.
Furnished to the Civil Engineer.

No. 307
To the Officer deputed to take charge of treasure from Madura to Madras.

Sir,
I have the honor to request you will take charge of 5,60000 rupees, packed in 27 boxes on 28 Carts, to be delivered to the Sub Treasurer at Madras, and to favor me with your receipt in duplicate.
Madura 15th June 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 311
To the Register in charge Madura
Sir,
In answer to your letter of the 15th instt. I beg to inform you that I am not authorized to dispose of the allowance granted to the Zemindar of Cunniwaudy in any manner but that sanctioned by Government, but I will gladly inform the Court whenever the allowance is about to be paid from my treasury. See Section III Regn. IV of 1831.
Mllanagrum 18th June 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 308.
To the Sub Treasurer Fort St. George
Sir,
In consequence of the instructions of the Accountant General, I have the honor to send in charge of the accompanying Guard under the Command

of Captain H. Marshall of the 33rd Regiment N. I, the sum of Company's rupees (5,60000) five lacs and sixty thousand, as per Invoice enclosed, the receipt of which you will be pleased to acknowledge.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 19th June 1838.

P. S. The original receipt granted by Captain H. Marshall for the above is also inclosed.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 309.

To the Sub Treasurer Fort St. George

Sir,

In consequence of the instructions of the Accountant General, I have this day despatched to the Presidency in charge of a Guard the sum of Company's rupees (5,60000) five lacs and sixty thousand as per duplicate Invoice inclosed.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 19th June 1838.

P. S. The duplicate receipt granted by Captain H. Marshall for the above is also inclosed.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 314

To the Sub Collector in charge of South Arcot
Cuddalore

Sir,

Understanding the Exzemindar of Chokumpatty in Tinnevelly has arrived at Cuddalore, I have the honor to request your attention to my letter of the 7th April last to the Principal Collector that I may be enabled to adjust my Accounts.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura Villamudthee
21st June 1838.

No. 315.

To the Collector of Sea Customs Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Statements Nos. 1 and 2, shewing the value of articles imported & Exported, together with Statement No. 3 of Ships and Tonnage arriving at, and departing from, the ports of this district, during the official year 1837/38, as required by your

letter of the 10th May.

The Gross amount of Import duty collected in 1836/37 was rupees ——— 7097. 7. 11.

Ditto Export duty ——— 3952. 1. 2

11049. 9. 1.

Ditto of Import duty of 1837/38 — 8402. 13. ..

Ditto Export duty ——— 2870. 11. 1

11273. 8. 1.

Increase ——— 223. 15. ..

From the amount of Gross Collections rupees ... 11273. 8. 1

Deduct.

Expense of Collections &c ——— 1984. 8. ..

Saudericuared ——— 42. .. ..

4 Boxes for the use of Chokies ——— 12. 4. ..

2038. 12. ..

Net Collections ——— 9234. 12. 1.

The increase is in the import of Chay root, Rape seed and Chanks from Columbo, Small Dhonys, planks, Tamarinds and paddy from Travancore, Paddy, Camphor &c from the Northward, and Paddy from Tinnevelly. The decrease is in boiled Nuts and Coir Ropes from Columbo; rice from Travancore; and boiled Nuts, Coconuts and rice from the Northward. The increase above last year is rupees 1,45,595.

Imports.
1836/37 - 169719.
1837/38 - 315314
Inc. - 145595.

The decrease Collection is in the Export of Cotton to Madras to the amount of rupees 5,61,150. The increase is chiefly in Tamarinds, Areka, Pepper and Coconut Oil to Madras; piece goods and Cotton thread to Columbo, and Chanks to Bengal.

Exports
1836/37 - 1393358.
1837/38 - 793354
Dec. - 600,004.

The Charges of Collection in the present year are more than in the last by rupees 50. 1. Viz. rupees 37. 13. full pay to servants without deductions; and the remaining rupees 12. 4. is for the purchase of 4 Boxes for the use of Chokies.

	1836/37.	1837/38.
Sibbendy	1946. 11. ..	1984. 8. ..
Saudericuared	42.	42. .. ..
4 Boxes for the use of Chokies	.. .. ..	12. 4. ..
	1988. 11. ..	2038. 12. ..

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The following Statement exhibits the return of imports for the Exports.

	Bengal	Bombay	Madras	Tanjaour	Madura	Tinnivelly	Columbo	Singapoor	Cochin	Travancore	Karical	Tranquebar
Imports	18796.	196.	17401.	3090.	8253.	3320.	742213.	25.	"	"	"	"
Exports	1719.	6404.	101133.	44904.	7362.	19132.	82805.	"	8371.	41864.	30.	1590.

Madura Vellanudshee
21st June 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll

No. 310

To the Collector of Sea Customs Madras.

Sir

I have the honor to forward Statements Nos. 1 & 2 shewing the imports and Exports at the Frontier Choukey in this district for the official year 1837/38 as required by your letter of the 10th May.

Imports
1836/37 - 26137.
1837/38 - 35734.
Inc - 9597.
Exports
1836/37 - 18764.
1837/38 - 27101
Inc - 8337.

There is an increase in the imports of the Frontier Choukey in the present year amounting to rupees 9597. and in the Exports of rupees 8337. the former consists chiefly in boiled nuts, and the latter in Cloths.

The Gross amount of duty collected on the general trade of the district

in 1836/37 is rupees —— 324363. 13. 2.
1837/38 —— 253703. 1. 5.
Decrease 70660. 11. 9

The decrease in the Collections is in consequence of the Customs being no longer rented but collected direct by Government officers.

From the Gross amount of duty Collected Rupees 2,53703. 1. 5.

Deduct

Expense of Collections —— 15389. 12. 2
Sea Custom drawback charges —— 21111. 1. " 36500. 13. 2

Net amount of duties received within the year } 217202. 4. 3

Madura Vellanudshee
21st June 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 317.

To the Sub Treasurer Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose the following Drafts in payment of public revenue, which I request you will be so good as to realize: a draft on Nattoocottah Natcheapah Chetty at Moottyal pettah in Pavalacara Street at Madras, @ 40 days sight, drawn by Soobramoneyan Chetty for rupees ——— 30000..

a ditto on Chettyapah Chetty at do. do. @ 40 days sight, drawn by Chinnan Chetty, rupees ——— 1000..

Total rupees — 31000....

I request to be furnished with a receipt for the above Bills.

Madura 26th June 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 319.

To the Register in Charge of the Zillah Court Madura

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 20th instt. I have the honor to state that I was induced to discontinue purchasing the Country paper manufactured by the Convicts in consequence of its inferior quality, but if you will cause good paper to be furnished in future I shall be happy to purchase it.

(Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

Madura 26th June 1838.

Triplicate

This is to Certefy that a Detachment of the 23d Regiment N. I. Consisting of 1 Havildar 1 Naique & 6 privates, Marched from Ramnad to Madura at my requisition, on the 21st instant in charge of Treasure, arrived there on the 27th and were at liberty to return the next day.

Madura 27th June 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl. Collr.

No. 324

To the Register in Charge of the Zillah Court of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward 3 Muster quires of paper together with an estimate of the Quantity likely to be required Monthly, and the price I now pay per quire for each sort.

Madura 27th June 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl. Collr.

No. 325.

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To The Acting Collector
of Trichinopoly

Sir,

In thanking you for your communication of the 22d Instant I beg to inform you the Tariff rates for Tobacco differ in Dindigul and Madura, they are respectively in the first mentioned 50, 40 & 30 Rupees per Candy for the 1st 2nd & 3rd sorts; whilst in Madura they are in the rates of 25, 19 & 15.

The Chintamuney putty choukee was considered by the renter formerly as within the Madura division and he collected at its rates; and the present Chokydar in behalf of the Government has followed the same practise.

I will take measures for putting it on a proper footing from the commencement of the ensuing fusly.

Madura 27th June 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Coll.

No.

To the Sub Treasurer Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the following Draft in payment of public revenue which I request you will be so good as to realize.

A Draft on Kattoocottah Thoongapa Chetty at Moottyal pettah in Pavalacoura street at Madras, @ 10 days sight, drawn by Caulee Moottoo for Rupees 5000.

I request to be furnished with a receipt for the above Bill. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 29th June 1838.

No. 331.

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore.

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant just received, I beg leave to call your attention to my letter of the 28th April last on the Subject of a further sum of rupees 162-12-, directed to be recovered from Mr. Harris, which I request you will be good enough to recover accordingly and apprise me of having given me credit for the same.

Madura 30th June 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. C.

No. 334

To the Secretary to the late Committee for the revision of Customs and Post office department for India Calcutta.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the Statement of land Customs prepared in conformity with your instructions of the 12th August.

Madura 2 July 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Received from the Register in Charge of the Zillah Court of Madura the sum of Company's rupees (779 - 7 - 9) Seven hundred and seventy nine, Anas seven, and Pice nine, being the amount of fees fines and penalties levied, and the proceeds of sales of Paper &c in last month.

Madura 3 July 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 338.

To Lieutenant Colonel J. Wilson
Commanding 45th Regiment N. I.
Dindigul

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will forward me the duplicate draft No. 41, dated 30th May, granted by the Paymaster, Southern Division Trichinopoly, for Rups 208 - 7 - 2.

Madura 4th July 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 339.

To the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly.

Sir,

As requested in your letter of the 4th instt. I have the honor to forward 1000 One ana rowanahs, the remainder will be forwarded by consecutive Banghy posts.

Madura 6th July 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 340.

To The Officer Commanding Detachment 33rd Regt. N.I.
Madura

Sir,

The Acting Collector of Tinnevelly being in immediate want of two lacs of Rupees, I have the honor to request you will furnish me with an escort for one and a half

only one lac was

half lacs, and inform me (verbally by the peon if more convenient) when it will be ready. It may perhaps be desirable for you to take into consideration that a Detachment of 64 men is now on its return from Trichinopoly and may be expected here to morrow.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
9th July 1838.

No. 341

To The Officer Commanding 45th Regt. N.I.
Dindigul

Sir,

I have just had the honor to receive your Letter of yesterday's date with a Paymaster's draft for Rupees 1391-5-8, which I am obliged to return to you to have a receipt written in the back of it.

Two days ago I sent instructions to the Tasildar of Tandricombo to pay you the amount at Dindigul on your making over to him the duplicate draft, which I hope you will be so good as to do, previously endorsing it with your receipt.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
9th July 1838.

Received, from the Paymaster Southern Division Trichinopoly, a Draft in Duplicate for Company's Rupees (53-12-") Fifty three and Annas twelve, dated 10th Ins. being the Pension of Europeans in advance for July, and pay for Native Pensioners, attached to the Public Bungalows, in arrears for last month.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
10th July 1838.

I do hereby certify that Dr. Dresser, Mootoosawmy attached to the Principal Collector's Cutcherry, has received his pay up to 31st. May 1838 and to no later period.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
10th July 1838.

I do hereby certify that Dr. Dresser ... Parrainsawmy, attached to the Sub Collector's Cutcherry, has received his pay up to 31st. May 1838 and to no later period.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
10th July 1838.

No. 350

To The Acting Collector
of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to apprize you that I have this day made over to an escort from the 33d Regiment N.I. one lac of Rupees in part of your requisition of the 7th Instant. A second lac shall be sent you as soon as I can conveniently spare it, of which I hope to give you early notice.

The receipt of the Native Officer Commanding the escort is enclosed.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
10th July 1838.

No. 353

To The Officer Commanding Hon. Co. Surveying Ship Shannon
Attankurrai

Sir,

In compliance with your requisition of the 8th Instant, I have the honor to forward you Rs. 1,500 for which I request you will be so good as to give your receipt in duplicate.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
12th July 1838.

No. 354

To The Acting Collector
of Tinnevelly

Sir,

With reference to your Letter of the 14th Ulto. I have the honor to forward for your information Copy of an Address from the Pundarom of Ramasweram.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
13th July 1838.

No. 355

To The Officer Commanding
Detachment 33d Regt. N.I.
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will have a guard at the Treasury this afternoon to escort a lac of Rupees to the Collector of Tinnevelly.

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Madura
16th July 1838.

No. 357

To The Acting Collector
of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward in charge of Abdul Nabee, Havildar, in command of a Detachment of the 33d Regiment N.I. a second lac of Rupees in satis=faction of your requisition of the 7th Instant, as per Invoice and Receipt of Native Officer enclosed.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
16th July 1838.

No. 358.

To The Acting Collector
of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you a second lac of Rupees was yesterday despatched to you in charge of an escort of the 33d Regiment N.I. in satisfaction of your requisition of the 7th Instant, as per Invoice and Receipt of Native Officer enclosed.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
17th July 1838.

No. 359.

To The Collector
of Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you, that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of the Register of the Court of Sudr Udawlut, at 10 days sight, for Company Rupees 11-10-" paid into my Treasury by the Register in charge of the Zillah Court of Madura, being part of the amount of fees, and Costs, payable by the Pauper Appel=lant in Sudr A.S. No. 1 of 1836, to Government, and to the Pleaders in the said suit, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors."

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
17th July 1838.

Enclosures

Exchange for Company's Rups 11-10-"

To The Collector
of Madras

Sir,

At ten days sight please to pay to the Register of the Court of Sudr Udawlut, or his order, the sum of Company's Rupees Eleven and Anas ten, being part of the amount of fees, and Costs, payable by the Pauper Appellant in Sudr A. S. No. 1 of 1836, to Government and to the Pleaders in the said suit; which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors"

Madura
17th July 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 360

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose first of a sett of Bills of the Acting 2d Judge on Circuit, dated 17th instant, for Pay and Batta for the Native Establishment for July, Rupees (232) Two hundred and thirty two, the receipt of which I request you will be pleased to acknowledge in duplicate as directed by the Accountant General

Madura 18th July 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Colr.

No. 362

To the Sub Collector - Dindigul

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be so good as to draw pay for the Native Dresser attached to your Cutcherry, by forwarding the inclosed certificate of last pay, and extract from the Fort St. George Gazette of his appointment, with muster roll in the accompanying form, with your own signature, under a blank Cover, monthly, to the Paymaster at Trichinopoly

Madura 18th July 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Colr.

No. 363

To The British Resident of Travancore.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward copy of an address with translate, from the highly respectable Zemindar of Thawarum, a very petty Pollium in the Cumbum valley, and should feel greatly obliged by your using your influence to ascertain if his belief is correct, and, if so, by obtaining permission to re-open the channel and avail himself as in former times, of the stream rising within the limits of H. H. the Rajah of Travancore —

No enquiry that I could make would otherwise than negatively affirm the Zemindar's statement or I would have had the spot inspected before I troubled you —

Madura 19th July 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 366.

To The Collector of Sea Customs Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Statement shewing the shipment of Cotton wool exported to Madras during the last week, as directed by the Circular of the Board of Revenue under date the 9th March 1837.—

Madura 20th July 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 367

To The Acting Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 7th Instant with a remittance of two lacs of Company's Rupees, and beg to transmit you my Duplicate receipt for the same.

Madura 20th July 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Duplicate

Duplicate

Received from Savaka Ram, Subidar of the 30th Regiment N. I, in good order, well conditioned forty one boxes of Company's Rupees amounting to (200000) two lacs consigned by the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly –

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
20th July 1838.

No. 372

To The Secretary to the late College Board and for Public Instruction –
Fort St. George

Sir,

Without venturing to offer any recommendation uncalled for in favor of the accompanying copy of a Letter from the Revd. Messrs. Poor, Todd and Dwight, on behalf of the American Mission I have the honor to request it may be brought to the notice of Government. See Mis: Con: dated 14th March 1838. –

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
21st July 1838.

No. 375.

To the Superintendent of the Government Lottery
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to your Letter of the 2d. Instant I have the honor to annex a Register of Prizes paid, together with the 2d. Class Tickets in the 62d. Government Lottery.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura, Nettoor
27th July 1838.

No. 376.

To The Acting Collector
of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of the Assistant Judge of Tinnevelly, at 10 days sight, for Company's Rupees 48-6-1 (A. P.) paid into my Treasury by the Register in Charge of the Zillah Court of Madura, being the amount collected from Alla= =gappa

-guppa pillay, 1st Defendant in O S No. 74 of 1837 of the file of the auxiliary Court, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors";

Madura
30th July 1838 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

Exchange for Company's Rupees 48-6-1-

To the Acting Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir,

At ten days sight please to pay to the Assistant Judge of Tinnevelly, or his order, the sum of Company's Rupees Forty eight anas Six and pice one; being the amount Collected from Allaguppa pillay, 1st Defendant in O.S. No. 74 of 1837 of the file of the Auxiliary Court, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances between Collectors"

Madura
30th July 1838 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collr.

No. 380

To the Officer in Charge of Detachment
of Sappers and Miners
Pamben

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you I some days ago gave instructions for payment of the draft enclosed in your letter of the 25th instant, and which I am under the necessity of returning you for the purpose of having your receipt indorsed on the back

Madura
30th July 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

No. 383

To the Collector of Sea Customs
Madras

Sir

I have the honor to forward a Statement Shewing the Shipment of Cotton wool, Exported to

Madras

Madras, during the last weeks, as directed by the Circular
of the Board of Revenue under date the 9th March 1837

Madura
30th July 1838 }
(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 385
To the Surveyor General
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to forward a Half yearly return of the Maps of this District furnished for the use of my Office. D

Madura
30th July 1838 }
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Triplicate

This is to Certify that a Detachment of the 33rd Regiment N.I. consisting of 1 Havildar 1 Naigue & 6 privates, Marched from Ramnad to Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st instant in charge of Treasure arrived there on the 27th, & were at liberty to return the next day. D

Madura 30th July 1838.
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 386.
To M. Veerasawmy Naick
Trevandrum

I have much pleasure in sending you a correct acknowledgment for Company's Rupees 21,300, as requested in your letter of the 22nd instant D

Madura
30th July 1838 }
(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 388.
To the [illegible] of Combaconum

Sir

I have the honor to forward for your information Copy of an address from the Post Office D

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Writer of Coilpetty in this district in consequence of a Summons having been issued for his appearance before the district Moonsiff of Tanjore, and request you will be good enough to let me know if you cannot accede to his wishes.

Madura }
31st July 1838 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ. Collr.

No. 390.

To The Secretary to the late Committee for the revision of Customs & Post Office Department for India
Calcutta.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the Statement of Land Customs prepared in conformity with your instructions of the 12th August 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ. Collr.

Madura }
1st August 1838. }

No. 391.

To The Collector
of Trichinopoly.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose first of a sett of Bills of the Acting 2d Judge on Circuit, dated 31st Ultimo, for part of his salary and that of the Native Establishment for July (Rs. 228-12 A.) Two hundred and twenty eight and Anas twelve, the receipt of which I request you will be pleased to acknowledge in duplicate as directed by the Accountant General.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ. Collr.

Madura }
1st August 1838. }

No. 394.

To The Collector
of Trichinopoly.

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill, in favor of the Register of the Appeal Court, at 10 days sight, for Company's Rupees 467-1-7 A. P. paid into my treasury by the Register in Charge of the Zillah Court of Madura, being the amount of fees due to the Plaintiffs Pleader and the institution fees, and value of Stampt papers furnished to the Plaintiff, in No. 48 of the file of the Southern Provincial Court, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittance and

and Transfers between Collectors."

Madura } (Signed) J. Blackburne
7th August 1838. } Princl. Collector.

Exchange for Compy's Rs. 467-1-7.

To The Collector
of Trichinopoly.

Sir,

At ten days sight, please to pay to the Register of the Appeal Court, or his order, the sum of Company's Rupees Four hundred and sixty seven, Ana one and Pice seven, being the amount of fees due to the Plaintiffs pleader and the institution fees and value of Stampt Papers furnished to Plaintiff in No. 48 of the file of the Southern Provincial Court, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors."

Madura } (Signed) J. Blackburne
7th August 1838. } Princl. Collr.

Received from the Register in Charge of the Zillah Court of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees (711-4-8) Seven hundred & Eleven, Anas four and Pice eight, being the amount of Fees fines and Penalties levied, and the proceeds of Sales of paper &ca in last month.—

Madura } (Signed) J. Blackburne
7th August 1838. } Princl. Collr.

No. 395.

To The Collector of Sea Customs
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Statement shewing the shipment of Cotton wool for Madras during the last week, as directed by the Circular of the Board of Revenue under date the 9th March 1837.—

Madura } (Signed) J. Blackburne
8th August 1838. } Princl. Collr.

No. 396.

To The Assistant Commissary General
Trichinopoly.

Sir,

I have the honor to return the Memorandum forwarded with your Letter of the 30th Ultimo, and to state that I am unable to furnish you with the prices of Boosah as the Article is never sold in this District by weight, but a bundle, supposed to weigh more or less 50 pounds, generally sells for 8, 9 & 10 pice.—

Madura } (Signed) J. Blackburne
8th August 1838. } Princl. Collr.

No. 399.

To The Acting Collector
of Trichinopoly.

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will favor me with a Bill on account of the Toriar kuttay in the Meenatchee Pagoda for whatever is due to it from the Chokanandapooram Village in your District for Fusly 1247.—

Madura } 10th August 1838. }

(Signed) I. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 400.

To The Officer Commanding
at Palghat.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of an address from one of my head Police Officers and its enclosures regarding a Sepoy under your command, for your information.—

Madura } 11th August 1838. }

(Signed) I. Blackburne
Magistrate

No. 401.

To The Register in Charge
Madura

Sir,

The Board of Revenue being desirous to see the Extract from the Proceeds. of the Provincial Court in the case of the Shevagunga Zemindary, alluded to in your Proceedings of the 30th April, furnished me with your precept of the same date, I have the honor to request you will favor me with a Copy.—

Madura } 11th Augt. 1838. }

(Signed) I. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Received from the Paymaster Southern Division, Trichinopoly, a Draft in Duplicate for Company's Rupees (59) Fifty nine, dated 9th Instant, being the Pension of Europeans in advance for August, and pay for Native Pensioners attached to the Public Bungalows in Arrears for last month.

Madura } 14th August 1838. }

(Signed) I. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 403.

To The British Resident
Tanjore.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a Marratah

Maratah letter from the Sirkels of H. E the Rajah Bahadur, dated 8th Instant, regarding a dispute between the Villages of Aramanavayel in Shevagungah, and Coorongolum in Pudoocottah, and to inform you I have prohibited the Umeen of Amranuthy from persevering in his desire to measure the Land which originated in his mistake of a general order.—

Madura.
Cunnoogoody
15th August 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr.

No 404.

To The Officer Commanding 45th Regt.
Dindigul.

Sir,

I have just had the honor to receive your Letter of the 13th Instant with its enclosed Draft for Rupees 6,000 and odd; and beg leave to inform you orders have been passed on the treasury at Madura for its discharge on the arrival of your guard. I am perhaps to blame for not having forewarned you, as I have before done to your predecessors in command, that from August to November I have no means of discharging demands upon me at Dindigul if the amount exceed two or at most three small figures.—

Madura,
Cunnoogoody
16th August 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr.

No 405.

To The Register in Charge of Madura.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose an Extract from the audit of my Accounts for Fusly 1246 and request your early reply thereto.—

Madura
Cunnoogoody
17th August 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr.

No 408.

To The Civil Engineer 8th Division
Venbacottah.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose an Extract from the Audit of my accounts for Fusly 1246 and request your early reply thereto.—

Madura
Cunnoogoody
[illegible] 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr.

No. 409

To The Collector of Sea Customs

Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Statement shewing the shipment of Cotton wool for Madras during the last week, as directed by the Circular of the Board of Revenue under date the 9th March 1837.—

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Madura
Cunnoogoody
19th August 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 410

To The Sub Treasurer Fort St. George

Sir,

Nachyappa Chitty partner of Nattoo-cottay Veerappa Chitty residing at Palavacar street in Moottalipattah.

I have the honor to enclose a Cadjan Bill for Company's Rupees 7000 " " drawn by Nattoocottay Ramanaden Chitty in your favor, on Nachiyappa Chitty, at Madras, at 40 days sight, in payment for grain in Shivagunga, and I request you will be good enough to receive the amount, and apprize me of the same as immediately after as you can to enable me to credit it in my accounts.

Madura
Cunnoogoody
20th August 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 411.

To The Judge in the Zillah of Combaconum.

Sir,

In answer to your Letter of the 2d Instant, received on the 4th, I have the honor to forward enclosed a Deposition given in by a Native Doctor before the Ameen of Thiroopavanum for your information:— I have directed the Ameen to cause the attendance of the party at your Court on the expiration of the time mentioned in the above deposition.—

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Madura
Cunnoogoody
21st Augt. 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 415.

To The Collector of Trichinopoly.

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you, that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of the Post Master of your District, at 10 days sight, for Company's Rupees 3-8-" being the amount levied

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from the Post Office Writer of Madura, on account of postage due from Coimbatore to Trichinopoly agreeably to Clause XV of the Rules for the management of the Post Office Department passed by the Governor General of India in Council on the 30th August 1837 - on 7 Packets despatched by him inadvertently to Coimbatore instead of Trichinopoly on the 30th Ultimo, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors".—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Coonnagoody
23rd August 1838.

Exchange for Company's Rupees — — — A. P. 3 - 8 - "

To The Collector
of Trichinopoly.

Sir,

At ten days sight please to pay to the Post Master of your District, or his order the sum of Company's Rupees three and anas eight, being the amount levied from the Post Office Writer of Madura, on account of postage due from Coimbatore to Trichinopoly agreeably to Clause XV of the Rules for the management of the Post Office Department passed by the Governor General of India in Council on the 30th August 1837, on 7 Packets despatched by him to Coimbatore instead of Trichinopoly on the 30th Ultimo, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors".—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Coonnagoody
23rd August 1838.

No. 417.

To The Officer Commanding 45th Regt. N.I.
Dindigul

Sir,

Annexed is a receipt for Rupees 49-3-0 (A. P.), the amount of Postage recovered from Officers of your Regiment which I request you will have the goodness to pay to the Post Office Writer at Dindigul.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector.

Madura
Coonnagoody
26th August 1838.

Received from Lieutenant Colonel
Wilson

Wilson, Commanding 45th Regiment N.I., the sum of Rupees Forty & nine and Anas three, being the amount of postage recovered on Letters for the Regiment, when on march from Nellore to Dindigul.—

Madura
Coonnagoody
26th August 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Post Master.

No. 419.

To The Acting Collector
of Tinnevelly.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the 150 Sea Custom Rowanahs of No. 3 of 2 Rupees value; and am sorry I have only 20 of 4 Rupees value which cannot therefore be sent, as required by your letter of the 20 Instant, received on the 24th.

The delay has been occasioned by a letter being drafted to your address as tho' all you required were sent not having the accounts of deficiency in my circuit Cutcherry.—

Madura
Coonnagoody
27th August 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

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No. 420.

To The Collector of Sea Customs
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a statement showing the shipment of Cotton wool from Madras during the last week, as directed by the Circular of the Board of Revenue under date the 9th March 1837.

Madura
Coonnagoody
27th August 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

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No. 422

To The British Resident
Tanjore.

Sir,

In answer to the communication from H. E.'s Sirkele, of the 26th Ultimo, I have the honor to forward Copy of an address from Ganapady Poinberon, Superintendent of certain Davustanams in the Shivagunga Zemindary, regarding the dispute for water between the village of Tirooklancoody in the Zemindary and Keeranie in Poodoo-cottah, and trust the Sirkele of H. E. the Rajah Bahadur will admit the right of the Shivagunga people to restore the banks of their old Yendel, altho'

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altho' the Poodoocottah people thereby lose that supply of water which they have latterly enjoyed, from the inability of the Shivagunga people to keep their tanks in repair.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Coonnagoody
27th August 1838.

Memo:

The Principal Collector has the honor to forward to the Sub Collector the Acts of Supreme Government hereunder specified.—vizt.

English IV to IX of 1838 and Indexes for 1836 & 37. Tamil XXI to XXIII of 1837. Maratha XXX, XXXI & XXXIII to XXXVI of 1837.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Coonnagoody
27th August 1838.

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No. 426.

To The Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to send Moottoovadooga Pillay, Curnom of Utapputty village, in the Melur Talook, to the Zillah Jail, to be imprisoned for 2 months, for failure to pay a fine of 50 Rupees imposed on him under the provisions of Clause 4 Sec. V Regulation IX of 1822.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Coonnagoody
28th August 1837.

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Triplicate

This is to certify that a Detachment of the 33rd Regiment N. I. consisting of 1 Havildar, 1 Naigue, and 6 Privates, marched from Ramnad, at my requisition, on the 21st Instant, in charge of Treasure, arrived there on the 27th, and were at liberty to return the next day.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Coonnagoody
29th August 1838.

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No. 427.

To The Acting Assistant Surgeon
Madura

Sir,

D I have the honor to inform you instructions have been given for the discharge of your bills which, however, I return to have receipts subjoined to them.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Coonnagoody
30th August 1838.

D Received from the Acting Judge of Madura the sum of Company's Rupees (3,000) Three thousand, to be deposited in my Treasury, forwarded with his Letter of the 30th Ultimo.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Kalliarcovil
1st. September 1838.

No. 429.

To The Secretary to the late Committee for the revision of Customs and Post Office Department for India
Calcutta

Sir,

D I have the honor to forward the Statement of Land Customs prepared in conformity with your instructions of the 12th August 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Kalliarcovil
1st. September 1838.

No. 431.

To The Collector of Sea Customs
Madras

Sir,

D I have the honor to forward a statement showing the shipment of cotton wool for Madras, during the last week, as directed the circular of the Board of Revenue under date the 9th March 1837.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Thiroovaigunput
6th September 1838.

No. 432.

To The Acting Collector
of Tinnevelly

Sir,

D I have the honor to forward a Statement showing the ship

=ment of Cotton wool for Vypairs in the District of Tinnevelly during the last week, as directed by the Board of Revenue under date the 9th March 1837.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Thiroovaigumput
6th September 1838.

No. 433.

To The Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to send Mayandy Meerasse Curnom and Ambelgar of Idacauttoor in Shevagunga to the Zillah Jail, to be imprisoned for 15 days, for failure to pay a fine of 10 Rupees, imposed on him under the Provisions of Clause 4 Sec: V Reg. X of 1822.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Kalliarcovil
8th Sept. 1838.

No. 434.

To The Acting Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

In answer to your Letter of the 29th June last with an enclosure I have, at length, the honor to transmit, for your information, Copy of an address from the Gomastah of Paralochee in Ramnad-thro' whom I have ordered the immediate removal of the new bank alluded to in it.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Kalliarcovil
8th September 1838.—

No. 436.

To The Sub Collector of Madura Dindigul

Sir,

If it is convenient to you I request you will be so good as to furnish the Acting Judge with the map of Dindigul, sending it to him direct with a Letter or Memo: from yourself by cooly, and leaving him to pay the hire, of which you will be good enough to apprize him. If you cannot spare the map I request you will be so good as to inform me for communication to that Officer.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Thiroopoovanum
12th Sept. 1838.

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No. 440.

To

The Acting Judge

Madura

Sir,

As requested in your Letter of the 12th Instant I have the honor to inform you I have directed the curnums of Cantaghey in Thiroopavanom talook to appear before your Court on the 25th Current.—

Madura }
Thiroobovanom }
14th September 1838. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

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No. 441.

To The Acting Judge

of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to send Baulacoomaroo pillay curnom of Vullattanenputty in Thiroomongalom to the Zillah Jail, to be imprisoned for 6 months for failure to pay a fine of 150 Rupees imposed on him under the provisions of Clause 4. Section V Regulation IX of 1822.—

Madura }
Thiroobovanom }
14th September 1838. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

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No. 443.

To The Acting Collector

of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you, that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of D. R. Limond Esqre. at sight, for the sum of Company's Rupees (731-9-8) Seven hundred and thirty one Anas nine and Pie eight, being the amount of his salary as Register, for August, and deputation allowance from 1st to 20th of the same month, as Register in charge of the Zillah Court, of Madura, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors

Madura }
Thiroobovanom }
15th September 1838. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

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Exchange for Company's Rupees 731-9-8

To The Acting Collector

of Tinnevelly

Sir,

At sight please to pay to D. R. Limond Esqre. or his order, the sum

sum of Company's Rupees Seven hundred and thirty one Anas nine and Pie eight, being the amount of his Salary as Register for August and deputation allowance from 1st to 20th of the same month as Regis-ter in charge of the Zillah Court of Madura, which sum will be credited to you under the head of Remittances and Transfers between Collectors." D

(Signed) J. Blackburn
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Thiroobovanom
15th September 1838.

No. 444.

To W. Harrington Esqre.
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Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you an order on Madras for one Rupee, being refund of that amount improperly collected on a Letter to Mrs. Harrington "United Kingdom" D

(Signed) J. Blackburn
Post Master

Madura
Thiroobovanom
15th September 1838.

Thiroobovanom Madura 15th September 1838.

Messrs. Binny & Co. Madras

Gentlemen,

Please to pay to W. Harrington Esqre., or order the sum of one Rupee on account of,

(Signed) J. Blackburn

No. 446.

To The Collector of Sea Customs
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Statement showing the shipment of cotton wool for Madras during the last week, as directed by the Circular of the Board of Revenue under date the 9th March 1837. D

(Signed) J. Blackburn
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Thiroobovanom
16th September 1838.

No. 447.

To The Officer Commanding Detachment of Sappers and Miners
Paumben

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to forward D

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forward me the Duplicate Draft of the Paymaster No. 73 dated 14th June 1838 for Rupees 20.–

Madura 17th September 1838.} (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl. Collr.

No. 448.

To The Civil Engineer 8th Division Verribacottay

Sir,

Having promised the Civil Auditor in my reply to his objections to communicate as early as possible your answer to my Letter of the 19th Ultimo I take the liberty of requesting your attention to it.

Madura 17th September 1838.} (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl. Collr.

No. 449.

To The Assistant Criminal Judge Cuddalore.

Sir,

The thread your predecessor was so good as to undertake to procure reached me on the 11th Instant, but was declared of so inferior a quality and relatively high price, as to be considered quite fruitless to attempt to weave it; and I was induced to return it in the same ban[dy] paying the hire in full.–

Should it be, as supposed, the kind used in your looms I hope you will, as only sufficient for one month's consumption, consent to take it off my hands – and should that not be possible, may I request you to dispose of it for me, when I doubt not to be able to get sanction for any loss, which, however, under any circumstances, I shall be ready to be responsible to you for.

I take this opportunity to thank you for the 12 brushes which I have gladly retained.–

Madura 17th September 1838.} (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl. Collr.

No. 450.

To The British Resident Travancore.

Sir,

In reference to my letter of the 19th July last I hope you will excuse my troubling you with the enclosed, address and translate from

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from the highly respectable Polligar of Thayarum, and I trust also it may prove unnecessary.—

Madura
17th September 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 451.

To The British Resident
Tanjore

Sir,

In answer to a Marattah Letter from the Sirkele of H. E. the Rajah Bahadur, of the 9th July last, I have the honor to inform you it appears, by reports from the Tasildar of Marroongapoory, that a quantity of water has for a long time been flowing into the Eackungoody tank, in Poodoocottah, thro' the breach in an old one of Vambanoor in Marroongapoory, but, this year the breach having been closed by the Villagers the Poodoocottah Ryots will very probably be deprived of their usual supply why I see no just cause of complaint on their part.—

Madura
Thiroobouvanom
18th September 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 453

To The Officer Commanding
Detachment 33d Regiment N. I.
Madura.

Sir,

In answer to your Letter of the 1st Instant, with enclosures, I have the honor to forward you the information therein required regarding the Roman catholic population of the Fort of Madura, any such in your own Detachment being alone excluded.

In acquainting you I have already submitted this information to Government, I take the liberty of observing that I do not consider Madura as a Military station contemplated in the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date 11th Ultimo.—

Madura
Thiroobouvanom
18th September 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Memorandum.

The Principal Collector has the

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honor to transmit to the Sub Collector the accompanying printed Copies and Translations of the Acts of the Supreme Government.—

To The Sub Collector
Dindigul

Madura
Thiroobovanom
19th September 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 456.

To The Acting Collector
of Trichinopoly.

Sir,

Agreeably to the instructions from the Accountant General dated the 12th Instant, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to remit me Rupees 100,000, informing me of the date of its despatch.—

Madura
Thiroobovanom
19th September 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 457.

To The Officer Commanding Detachment 33d Regt. N. I.
Ramnad.

Sir,

In answer to your Letter of the 5th Instant with enclosures, I have the honor to forward you the information therein required regarding the Roman Catholic population at Ramnad, any such in your own Detachment being alone excluded.

In acquainting you I have already submitted this information to Government, I take the liberty of observing that I do not consider Ramnad as a Military Station contemplated in the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date 11th Ultimo.

Madura
Thiroobovanom
20th September 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 459. 462 & 463.

To The Officer Commanding Detachment 33d Regt. N. I.
Madura.

Sir,

With reference to G. O. G. No. 130 of 1838 published in the Fort

Fort St. George Gazette of the 3rd Instant, Page 532, respecting payment of Native Military Pensioners, I have the honor to request you will furnish me with Copy of the Registers of all such usually paid by you, preparatory to publication of the above order thro' the Collectorate; and with a view, in communication with you, to their future receipt of pay as therein directed.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Thiroobovanom
21st. September 1838.

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Similar Letters to the Officer Commanding Detachment 33rd. Regiment N.I. Ramnad, and to the Officer Commanding 45th. Regiment N.I. Dindigul.—

No. 461.

To The Sub Collector
Dindigul

Sir,

In forwarding Copy of Extracts from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date the 13th. Instant, I request you will be so good as to enter on the required explanation as early as you can, as the Maniums cannot be given retrospectively.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Thiroobovanom
21st. September 1838.

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The Abstract from the Statement sent to Board also accompanied.—

No. 464

To The Principal Collector
of Coimbatore.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose duplicate Bills of Mr. J. A. Anstruther, Sub Collector of your District, for the amount paid to him from this Treasury, on account of his Salary, and Tent allowance for August, which is debited in the accounts of this Office, as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, and credit, on his account, to the Civil Fund, and request that the same may be adjusted in your Accounts, under the head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors."—

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Salary - - - -	1166-10-8.
Deduct Civil Fund at 6¼ per cent - -	72-14-8
	1093-12-"
Tent allowance	87-8-"
Rupees -	1181-4-"

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
24th. September 1838.

No. 467

To the Acting Collector
of Tinnevelly

Sir,

As requested in your letter of the 17th. Instant I ...

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despatched 1000 one ana Rowanahs on the 22d and 23rd 1000 are sent by this days tappal and the remaining 3000 will be despatched by tomorrow and the next days successive tappals.–

Madura 24th September 1838.} (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl Collr

No 468.

To The Principal Collector of Canara

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt on the 10th of your Letter of the 1st Instant, with Enclosure, and to state that Rupees 800 only were advanced by me to Veerasawmy Moodily, and entered in my Journal for April last.

I beg to forward Copies of 2 Documents by which you will perceive the Tobacco was carefully examined and pronounced by the Merchants to be of a good quality. Good security was taken as desired, but in absence of any further request to superintend the weight and despatch I in no ways interfered in that matter.–

I beg to enclose an English Petition presented by the Contractor on the subject.–

Madura 24th September 1838.} (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl Collr

No 471.

To The Acting Judge Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to favor me with a Statement of sales and other transfers of land from 12th July 1807 to 11th July 1808, to enable me to afford certain information required of me by the authorities at the Presidency; The information would be found in the book kept by the Register under the provisions of Regulation XVII of 1802:– And I beg leave to enclose a form for the information requested.–

Madura 26th September 1838.} (Signed) J. Blackburne Princl Collr

To

No. 474.

To The Principal Collector of South Arcot
Cuddalore

Sir, I have the honor to remind you of your promise of the 26th February to furnish me at an early period with a Memo: of the cost and charges of 40 ploughs forwarded to me from Porto Novo; and which has not yet been received.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
26th September 1838.

No. 475.

To The Collector of Sea Customs
Madras

Sir, I have the honor to forward a Statement showing the shipment of Cotton wool for Madras during the last week, as directed by the Circular of the Board of Revenue, under date the 9th March 1837.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
26th September 1838.

Memo:

The Principal Collector has the honor to forward to the Sub Collector one copy of Moore's India Appeal Cases and one copy of the debate in the House of Commons relative to Act No. 11 of 1836.—

To The Sub Collector
of Madura,

Madura
2d October 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Exchange for Company's Rupees 36-14-" (A. P.)

To The Acting Collector
of Trichinopoly

Sir, At sight please to pay to T. C. Jerdon Esqre., late Acting Assistant Surgeon of Madura, or his order, the sum of Company's Rupees Thirty six and Annas fourteen, being the amount of half the Civil Allowance of the situation, whilst in Medical charge of Madura, or from 1st to 15th September 1838, which sum will be credited under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors".—

Madura, 2d October 1838.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

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No 479.

To The Acting Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you, I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of T. C. Jerdon Esqre, late Acting Assistant Surgeon of Madura, at sight, for the sum of Company's Rupees Thirty six and Anas fourteen, being the amount of half the Civil allowance of Assistant Surgeon, whilst in Medical Charge of Madura, or from 1st to 15th September, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors".—

Madura }
2 October 1838. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

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No 480.

To The Secretary to the late Committee for the revision of Customs and Post Office Department for India
Calcutta

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the Statement of Land Customs prepared in conformity with your instructions of the 12th August 1837.—

Madura }
2 October 1838. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

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No 482.

To The Acting Judge
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose a question, for the consideration of the Pundit of the Zillah Court, regarding a right to water; and as the Hindu law on this point is likely to compromise the interest or rights of many, I beg to recommend it to his serious attention.—

Madura }
3 October 1838. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

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No 483.

To The Acting Judge
Madura

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 25th Ultimo, I have the honor to inform you the settlement of the Shevagunga Zemindary for last

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Fusly, amounted to Rupees 426,130.—

	Rs. A. P.
Peshkush	262,500 " "
Sibbendy	31,251 " "
Maramut charges in progression	31,052 " "
Sanderwared	951 " "
Extra Charges	3332 " "
Davastanum &ca Charges	162 " "
	329,248 " "
Balance..	96,882 " "

Estimate for this year - Rs. 80,000.—

Madura 3rd October 1838 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 485

To The Acting Collector
of Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 22d Ultimo, with a remittance of one lac Company's Rupees, and beg to transmit you my Duplicate receipt for the same.—

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Madura 3rd October 1838. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Duplicate

Received from Syed Khasim, Havildar of the 30th Regiment N. I, in good order, well conditioned, twenty boxes of Company's Rupees, amounting to (100,000) one lac, consigned by the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly.—

Madura 3rd October 1838. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 486.

To The Principal Collector
of Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Duplicate Bills of Mr. J. A. Anstruther, Sub Collector of your District, for the amount paid to him from this Treasury, on account of his Salary and Tent allowance for September, which is debited in the accounts of this Office as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw and credit, on his account, to the Civil fund, and request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors.—

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	Rs. A. P.
Salary	1166-10-8
Deduct Civil fund at 6¼ per cent	72-14-[illegible]
	1093-12-[illegible]
Tent allowance.	87-8-[illegible]
Rupees	1181-4-[illegible]

Madura. 3rd October 1838. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

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No. 487.

To The Acting Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you, that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill, in favor of D. R. Limond Esqre, Register of Madura now Acting Assistant Judge of the Auxiliary Court, in your District, for the sum of Company's Rupees (562-8 As) Five hundred and sixty two and Anas eight, being the Net amount of his salary for September, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors".—

Madura
3d October 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Exchange for Company's Rupees 562-8-" A. P.

To The Acting Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

At sight please to pay to D. R. Limond Esqre, or his order the sum of Company's Rupees Five hundred and sixty two and Anas eight, being the net amount of his salary, as Register of Madura, for September 1838, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors".—

Madura
3d October 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 488.

To The Acting Judge Madura

Sir,

In answer to your letter of yesterday's date, I have the honor to inform you, the accounts of this Office shew that one Soobyen was employed as Ameen of Vellacottah, from 1st September 1813, but not Mahamed Nasoobdeen, alias Nasoobodeen Saib, alluded to in your letter.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
3d October 1838.

Received from the Acting Judge of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees (884-12-6 A. P.) eight hundred and eighty four Anas twelve, and Pice six, being the amount of Fees, fines and Penalties levied

levied, and the proceeds of sales of Paper &c., in last month.—

Madura
3d October 1838.

(Signed) L. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Triplicate.

This is to certify that a Detachment of the 33d Regiment N.I., consisting of 1 Havildar, 1 Naigue, and 6 privates, marched from Ramnad to Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st Ultimo in Charge of Treasure, arrived there on the 27th, and were at liberty to return the next day.—

Madura
3d October 1838.

(Signed) L. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 489.

To The Acting Judge
of Madura

Sir,

In answer to your letter with inclosure, of the 4th Instant, I have the honor to inform you that, Nasiboodden, therein named, served in this Department as Zufty Ameen of Nellacottah, for a period of 1 year, 9 months, and 15 days, from 15th June 1810 to March 1812; and lost his situation from his service being no longer necessary. The Office records do not shew that he held any situation in the Principal Collector's immediate Establishment. The Document is herewith returned.—

Madura
5th October 1838.

(Signed) L. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Received from the Acting Judge of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees (300-7-7) Three hundred, Anas seven and Pice seven, being amount refunded from the pay of the Pundit Sudr Ameen.—

Madura
5th October 1838.

(Signed) L. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 490.

To The Superintendent of the Government Lottery
Fort St. George

Sir,

Agreeably to your letter of the 1st Ultimo, I have the honor to annex a Register of Tickets sold and returned in the 1st Class of the 63d Government Lottery, amounting to Company's Rupees (1360) One thousand, three hundred and sixty, for which sum a Bill on the Accountant General

General, in favor of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Govern=
=ment Bank, is herewith enclosed.—

Madura }
5th October 1838 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Register of the 63d Government Lottery Tickets sold in the Districts of Madura and Dindigul.—

	Number	Value Rups.	Number	Value Rups.	Number	Value Rups.		Number	Value	Number	Value
Tickets sold.	856	40	1,868	40	2,851	40	Tickets returned.	1,880	"	3,363	"
	857	40	1,869	40	2,855	40		2,852	"	3,364	"
	858	40	1,870	40	3,361	40		2,853	"	3,366	"
	859	40	1,871	40	3,365	40		2,854	"	3,367	"
	860	40	1,872	40	3,369	40		2,856	"	3,368	"
	861	40	1,873	40	3,370	40		2,857	"	3,372	"
	862	40	1,874	40	3,371	40		2,858	"		
	863	40	1,875	40	3,373	40		2,859	"		
	864	40	1,876	40	3,374	40		2,860	"		
	865	40	1,877	40	3,375	40		3,362	"		
	1,866	40	1,878	40	C Rups.	1360					
	1,867	40	1,879	40							

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 492

To The Collector of Sea Customs

Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a statement shewing the Shipment of Cotton wool for Madras, during the last week, as directed by the Circular of the Board of Revenue under date the 9th March 1837.

Madura }
6th October 1838 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 493

To J. A. Anstruther Esqre.

Acting Judge

Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of this day's date, together with Rupees 175 being refund of fixed tent allowance, drawn by you, as Sub Collector of Coimbatore, for August and September last, for which credit shall

be given you in my accounts, and an adjustment made with the Principal Collector of Coimbetoor, to whom the original and duplicate of your bills have been already transmitted -

Madura }
6th October 1838 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

No. 494

To the Acting Judge
of
Madura

Sir

I have the honor to send Seeniapillay, Curnom of Oonjanay in Sheragunga, to the Zillah Jail to be imprisoned for 6 Months, for failure to pay a fine of 150 Rupees, imposed on him under the provisions of clause 4 Section V Regulation IX of 1822 - D

Madura }
8th October 1838 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 495

To the Collector of Guntoor

Sir,

I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Accountant General dated the 5th instant, & request you will be good enough to give me credit for the amount therein alluded to - D

Madura }
8th October 1838 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

No. 497

To the Principal Collector of
Canara

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter from the Accountant General dated the 6th instant, and request you will be good enough to give me credit for the amount therein alluded to, apprizing me of your having done so - D

Madura }
10th Octr. 1838 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 500

To The Judge in the Zillah
of Combaconum

Sir I have the honor to inform you the moozoom

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D =dar of Tirpawanam Talook reports, in his address of the 9th instant, that the person alluded to in your letter of the 2d proceeded to Combaconum on the 8th

Madura
11th October 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 503.
To The Sub-Treasurer
Fort St. George

Sir

D I have the honor to enclose a Cadjan Bill for Company's Rupees 3680 - " - ", drawn by Nattoocattay Ramanaden Chitty, in your favor, on Paresappen, at Madras, at 30 days Sight, for grain in Shevagunga, and I request you will be good enough to receive the amount, and apprize me of the same as immediately after as you can to enable me to Credit it in my accounts -

Madura
Kottamputty
19th October 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Coll.

No. 505
To The British Resident
of Tanjore

Sir

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 26th Ultimo, forwarding an Original One from the Serkeel of his Excellency the Rajah Tondiman Bahadar, I have the honor to transmit Copy of an address from the Peshcar of Terookortyoo Davastanom, on further enquiry made by him, on the Subject, of the R water despute. I trust his Excellency will perceive it Strongly affirms the right of the Shevagunga people as shewn in my letter of the 27th August, and I hope you will bring to his notice the impropriety of his people in entering the Company's territory to break down the bank, as shewn in his Serkeel's letter, even if it had been improperly put up -

Madura
Covilputty
22d Octr 1838 } Signed J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

To

No. 507
To The Acting Collector of
Trichinopoly.

Sir,

With reference to a letter from Mr. Blair, date the 27th May 1835, I have the honor to forward for your information an account particular in Marattah for Fusly 1247 of the produce of a Garden belonging to Veranay Gounden, security to Appoopillay & Ponnapillay, renters of Manganaikenputty &c. Villages of the Vellycutty Talook, received from the Tahsildar of Maroongapoory Talook in this Collectorate -

Madura
Coilputty
22d. October 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

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No. 508
To The Collector of Sea Customs
Madras.

Sir

I have the honor to forward a Statement shewing the Shipment of Cotton wool for Madras, during the last Week, as directed by the Circular of the Board of Revenue under date the 9th March 1837.

Madura
Thovarumeurchey
23d. October 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

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No. 514
To The Officer in Charge of the operations
at Paumben

Sir

Understanding from Government, thro' the Board of Revenue, that all the Convicts under your charge, with exception of 30, and all the Suppers with exception of 12 (reserved for Service at Paumben) were to be made over to me from the 20th Instant, I request you will be so good as to let the convicts be sent from Paumben under the guard of the Suppers & Jail peons, at the time, and in the manner that may be communicated to you by the Salt Tasildar, either direct, or thro' the Chokeydar of Paumben, to be taken to Ramnad -

Madura
Thovarumeurchey
2?th. Octr. 1838 -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

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No. 517

To The Acting Collector
of Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to return a Sayer Rowanah No. 673, erroniously transmitted to me with your Tamil memo: of the 6th Instant, instead of to South Arcot.

Madura
Thoveramcurchey
25th October 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Coll.

Received from the Acting Judge of Madura the sum of Company's Rupees (15,000) Fifteen thousand, to be deposited in my Treasury, forwarded with his letter of the 26th Instant.

Madura
Chittamputty
27th Octr. 1838

Signed J. Blackburne
Prin. Coll.

Triplicate

This is to certify that a Detachment of the 33rd Regiment N.I., consisting 1 Havaldar, 1 Naique and 6 Privates, marched from Ramnad to Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st Instt. in charge of Treasure, arrived there on the 27th, and were at liberty to return the next day.

Madura
29th October 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Coll.

No. 530

To The Acting Collector of
Trichinopoly

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 6th Ultimo, I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn a Bill in your favor, @ Sight, for Company's Rs. One hundred & two Annas four & pice ten, being the Collections of old balances and income of fuslis 1246 & 47 derived from the Maniem lands allotted to the Calasundy Cuttay of the Toymansaumy or Rock Pagoda of your district, & which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors".

A Maratta Statement is herewith inclosed for your information.

Madura
30th October 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Coll.

Exchange for Company's Rupees - - 102 - 4 - 10

To The Acting Collector of

Trichinopoly

Sir,

At Sight please to pay to the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly or his Order, the sum of Company's Rupees One hundred & two, Anas Four, & Pice Ten, being the Collections of old balances and income upto Fusly 1247, derived from the manium lands allotted to the Calasundery Cuttay of the Taymansawmy, or Rock Pagoda, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors". D

Madura
29th Octr. 1838 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 531

To The Acting Collector of

Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward, for your information, Copy of an address, and its enclosure from Saidoo Ramnauda pandarom, regarding the repairs performed to the bank of the Tambraporney river, in the limits of Saidookoovaythan of Chackapalangarey Vanethom, upto the 30th of last Month & request to know your wishes on the subject D

Madura
29th Octr. 1838 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 532

To The Acting Collector of

Tinnevelly

Sir,

If it is not yet in your power to repay the loan of Rowanahs I request you will be so good as to inform me that I may endeavor to meet my own impending deficiency by other means. D

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
29th October 1838 }

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"A Report to C. R. Cotton Esqre on the State of the Collectorate and its general resources is entered under date 29th October 1838 in the book of letters addressed to the Board of Revenue" 64

No. 540

To D. R. Limond Esqre

Tinnevelly

Sir,

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I have the honor to forward transcript of a letter from the Civil Auditor of the 8th Ultimo, and to inform you I shall be prepared to pay the amount on being furnished with your receipted bill –

Madura
30th October 1838 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 541

To

The Acting Judge of
Madura

Sir

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In answer to your letter of yesterday, and its enclosures, I have the honor to inform you that the land therein alluded to is not the private property of Santhapen, but belongs to a Maddom of the same name, and is so entered in the accounts – The Claimant has no right to it whatever –

Madura
31st October 1838 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 544

To The Collector of
Guntoor

Sir,

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In answer to your letter of the 24th instant I have the honor to inform you that the amount of Civil fund as shewn in the Margin, is due by Mr Glass on Rupees 70, & request you will be good enough to recover the same and adjust it in your accounts –

Civil Fund @ 10 ℘ Cent on acct. of debt Rs.	7 –
Do. @ 6¼ ℘ Cent on acct. of subscription	4 – 6
	11 – 6

Madura,
31st October 1838 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 545

To the Secretary to the late Committee
for the revision of Customs and Post Office Department for India
Calcutta

Sir,

D

I have the honor to forward the Statement of Land Customs prepared in Conformity with your instructi[ons]

of the 12th August 1837 -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
1st November 1838

No. 548

To The Acting Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Dr. R. Limond Esqre, at Sight, for the Sum of Companys' Rupees Five hundred and Sixty Two and anas Eight, being the amount of his pay for October last, paid into this Treasury by Mr. W. Elliot, Acting Judge of Madura, which sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors".

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Priml. Collr.

Madura
6th November 1838

Exchange for Companys Rupees 562 - 8 -

To

The Acting Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

At Sight please to pay to Dr. R. Limond Esqre, or his order, the sum of Companys Rupees Five hundred and Sixty two & Anas Eight, being the amount of his pay for October last, paid into this Treasury by Mr. W. Elliot, Acting Judge of Madura, which sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors".

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Priml. Collr.

Madura
6th November 1838

Received from the Acting Judge of Madura the sum of Companys Rupees 828-7-9, eight hundred & twenty eight, anas seven & Pice Nine, being the amount of Fees, fines & Penalties levied, and the proceeds of sales of Paper &ca. in last Month.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Priml. Collr.

Madura
6th November
1838

No. 549 129 65

To The Acting Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

In acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 3rd Instant I beg leave to remind you that the inclosure of mine of the 29th of the preceding month asserted the tardiness of work to be occasioned by your orders: & under your tacit admission of such being the fact, I cannot allow your letter to remain unanswered, as it would seem to shew from the expression of your desire for "exhortation to more exertion and energy" that the want of it was in me and my department, not caused by yours, as tacitly admitted but the wish shall be attended to

Madura 6th November 1838 (Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl. Collr.

Memo:

Eng. XVII to XXIII of 1838
Tamil III & XII of do.
Mahratta XXVII of 1837
& III & XII of 1838.

The Principal Collector has the honor to forward the Sub Collector One printed Copy and translation of the acts noted in the Margin, the receipt of which he is requested to acknowledge

(Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl. Collr.

Madura 6th November 1838

To the Sub Collector of Dindegul.

No. 550

To The Acting Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the ten thousand Stamp rowanahs, sent by Cooly with your letter of the 1st instant.

Madura 7th November 1838 (Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl. Collr.

To

No. 551.

To The Officer in Charge of the operations at Pamben

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your information Copy of an address from the Sea Custom Choukeydar of Pamben, as also one from the Zemindar of Rimnad, and request you will be so good as to give them your particular attention.

Madura 7th November 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl. Collr.

No. 552.

To The Acting Collector of Tinnevelly.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an Extract from the memo. of remarks on my accounts from November 1837 to April 1838; and request you will be good enough to adjust the amount as therein directed.

Madura 8th November 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl. Collr.

No. 546

To the Officer in Charge of Detachment of Sappers & Miners Paumben.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 30th Ult. I have the honor to forward Copies of Instructions received by me as regards the detachment under your command.

The orders you desire have been given to the Choukeydar to provide 3 bullocks & a driver and 2 coolies for tent carriage: - as also for the necessary supplies, when they march.

I am awaiting information from the Sub. Amildar respecting accomodation for the party to which I will give my best aid - but anticipate they may be conveniently received into the Barracks at Ramnad.

The Commercial factory is not the property of Government, and I fear is insecure from age and neglect

Madura (Signed) J. Blackburne
3rd November 1838 } Prin. Collr.

No. 553

To the Acting Judge

Madura

Sir

In answer to your letter of yesterday's date with copy of one from the Sudr Udalut of the 31st Ult. annexed I have the honor to inform you that I am utterly unacquainted with the Jail of Madura - and that the nearest approach for assigning any suggestion in my part must have been a casual observation to effect that "if the 2241 Inhabitants of the 307 "residences within the walled enclosure of the palace within "the fort could be provided for elsewhere, & the lofty walls "were in a sufficiently secure state, the space would allow "of ample room for classification of prisoners to any reasonable "extent". - I had before represented to Government that the walls

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were on each of two sides 900 feet long, & on each of the other two 660, and that the space was possibly too much crowded for health.

Madura (Signed) J. Blackburne
8th November 1838 } Prin. Collr.

No. 555

To the Acting Collector of

Trichinopoly

Sir

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Mr. R. Maginnis late Acting Asst. Surgeon of Madura, at Sight, for the Sum of Company's Rupees Four anas Twelve, and Pice one, being Civil allowance in arrears from 1st to 4th October last, which Sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors"

Madura (Signed) J. Blackburne
10th Novr. 1838 } Prin. Collr.

Exchange for Company's Rupees 4 - 12 - 1 -

To the Acting Collector of

Trichinopoly

Sir,

At Sight please to pay to Mr. R. Magennis, late Acting Asst. Surgeon of Madura or his order, the sum of Company's Rupees Four-anas Twelve & Pice Nil, being Civil allowance in arrears from 1st. to 4th. Octr. last, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors." —

Madura
10th. Novr. 1838 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

No. 557
To the Officer Commanding 45th. Regiment
Dindigul

Sir,

I have just had the honor to receive your letter of the 9th. Instant, and am sorry to inform you I cannot discharge the amount of the paymaster's draft in your favor from the Taudicomboo treasury this Month, but I trust to be able to do so in the next. —

Madur
11th. November 1838 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

No. 558
To the Judge & Criminal Judge
of
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an Extract of a letter from the Supreme Government, dated 3d. Octr., for your information. —

Madura
12th. November 1838 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

No. 559
To the Acting Asst. Judge
of
Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter from the Civil Auditor, under date the 5th. instant, and to state that the sum of Rupees 15 - 14 1, after deducting Rs. 1 - " 11 from Rs. 16 - 15 " already paid by you, will be deducted from your allowances for the present Month. —

Madura
12th. Novr. 1838 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

No. 560

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To the Officer in charge of works
at Paumben

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will inform me if my letter of the 24 Ult. has caused any change in your intentions respecting the transfer of the Convict Sappers & Miners from yours to my Charge; if not, that you will be so good as to take measures for the purpose in concert with the Chokeydar at Paumben, to whom I have this day directed the Salt Tasildar to give the necessary authority if he has not already done so.

Madura
12 Nov. 1838
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

No. 560

To the Acting Judge of
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Warrant to the Jailor with the prisoner Moottoocoopa pillay Curnom of Maumputty, in Aurooravuttagay talook, of the Shevagunga Zemindary Committed for Embezzlement & Sentenced to imprisonment until he pays the Amount of Rs. 169-2-10 or until further orders, agreeably to clause second Section V Regulation IX of 1822.

Madura
12 Nov. 1838
(Signed) J. Blackburne

No. 563

To The Acting Judge of
Madura

Sir,

In answer to your letter of yesterday & its enclosure I have the honor to inform you that the petitioner therein alluded to, did present the enclosed address to me, & as the purports were of a Civil Nature, he was verbally directed to prosecute in the Civil Court.

Madura
13 Nov. 1838
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

To T. C. Jerdon Esqre.
Asst. Surgeon 4th L.C.
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a draft on the Acting Co... of Trichinopoly for One Rupee, being refund of an over Collectio...

on a letter dispatched by you to Mr. Thomson in August last, and request you will be good enough to send me a receipt to be forwarded to the Post Master General at Madras.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
13th Novr. 1838

No. 565

To the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill, in favor of Mr. Jerdon, Asst. Surgeon 4th Regiment Light Cavalry, at Sight, for the Sum of Company's Rupee one, being the refund of Steam Postage Collected on a letter, dispatched by him to Mr. Thomson, which Sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collrs."

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
13th Novr. 1838

Cancelled
2d July

Exchange for Company's Rupee 1 " "

To the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir

At sight please to pay to Mr. Jerdon, Asst. Surgeon 4th Regiment Light Cavalry, or his Order, the sum of Company's Rupee One, being the amount of Postage erroneously levied in excess on a letter addressed by that Gentleman to Mr. Thomson, which Sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances & transfers between Collectors"

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
14th Novr. 1838

No. 566

To the British Resident of Travancore

Sir

I have the honor to forward Copy of an address & Estimate from the Zemindar of Ramnad for repair of the Tank of Caukoor, alloted for the Kutlay of the Ramaswaram Pagoda, & as the Superintendant of the Village states that he has received no reply to his application for funds, I request you will be so good as to bring the subject to the notice of H. H. the Rajah.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
13th Novr. 1838

No. 568

To the Asst. Surgeon Madura

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 23d Ultimo, I have the honor to inform you your bills for arrears are to be made

Military Pay & f
Regimental a
ances Rs. 2 5 5
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as per margin; your former bills are returned -

Madura } (Signed) J. Blackburne
14th Novr. 1838 } Prinl. Collr.

No. 570

To the Principal Collector
of South Arcot

Sir

I have the honor to forward you a Memo: Shewing the additional Cost & Charges incurred for the 40 ploughs despatched by you on their arrival in this district, as requested in your letter of the 10th instant, received yesterday

Madura } (Signed) J. Blackburne
15th Novr. 1838 } Prinl. Collr.

No. 571

To the Acting Judge
of Madura

Sir

I have the honor to forward a Warrant to the [jai]l with the prisoner Sungoo pillay, Curnum of Ponuampatty in Thiroomungalom talook, sentenced for Entering Jyrn land as Maunium, and making false Entries in the Accounts, to two Months imprisonment, on failing to pay a fine of 150 Rupees, imposed upon him according to Clause first Section V Regulation IX of 1822.

Madura } (Signed) J. Blackburne
15th Novr. 1838 } Prinl. Collr.

Received from the Paymaster, Southern Division, Trichinopoly, a Draft, in Duplicate, for Company's Rupees (61) Sixty One, dated 9th Instant, being the Pension of Europeans in advance for November and pay of Native Pensioners, attached to the Public Bungalows, in arrears for October, & also hire for Conveying Treasure. -

Madura } (Signed) J. Blackburne
17th November 1838 } Prinl. Collr.

No. 573

To the Acting Judge of
Madura

Sir

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter and its enclosure from the Principal Collector of Salem, under date the 11th instant, and to request that you will be good Enough to direct the Amount to be deducted from your bills for the Current Month

Madura } (Signed) J. Blackburne
17th November 1838 } Prinl. Collr.

No. 57[illegible]

To the Acting Judge of
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the Original proceedings called for in your letter of the 16th instant, and which I request may be returned to me when done with.

Madura
17th November 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburn
Prinl. Collr.

No. 577

To the Acting Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir

I have the honor to request you will forward me the Collections made in last fusly (1247) from the Villages allotted for the Abeshaca Pandara Kutlay of the Meenatchee Pagoda with an Account particular for the same.

Madura
24th November 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburn
Prinl. Collr.

No. 578

To the Secretary to the Committee for Public instructions and for the College of Fort St. George
Madras

Sir,

1. – I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th Instant, received on the 19th and in reply to it, with reference to my letter of the 21st July last I beg leave to express my unqualified approbation of the proceedings of the American Missionaries and to give their proposition my warmest support. – They commenced their operations in the Fort of Madura with a single school which are now extended in it, & its immediate environs, to 26; independant of which is an english school giving ×See enclo[sure]

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instruction to 9 Bramins, 15 Vellalers, 2 Moodeliers, 9 Naicks, 3 Chetties & 2 Mussulmans.- Within 4 Miles of the Fort are eight other village Schools, affording instructions to 320 children of different castes, but the particulars of which I am not prepared to inform you.-

2 In addition to these Schools they have established others at Thiroopavanom, 12 Miles S. E of Madura, on the Madura & Ramnad road:- at Shevagunga, 15 Miles N. East of Thiroopavanom on the Madura & Tondi road:- and at Thiroomungalom, 12 Miles west of Madura on the Madura & Palamcotty road; and at Dindigul, in each of which places they have built houses of a substantial quality for the accomodation of one or two of their community, as resident-masters, under whom will be all the schools they can establish within their range - In all of these their operations have recently commenced. Every where the Schools appear to me to be highly acceptable to the people; and so long as Mr. Poor's superintendence continues, I feel perfectly satisfied not a School will be established till it is sought for, and considered to be a favor accorded. The English school I look upon as by far the most acceptable of all, & by far the most useful; and I am well aware of the readiness with which they will be at any time extended to meet the wants and convenience of the population.-

As a matter of courtesy copies of every book put into the hands of the children & students have

been

furnished me, and which I shall be happy to forward to the Committee if they like - and I beg to conclude by offering my opinion that schools could not be better conducted and superintended than these are - that they seem to me worthy of the utmost encouragement and aid that Government can give them; and that hereafter they will be proved to have had great effect in raising the standard of morality and improving the general condition of the people -

Madura
25th November 1838 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

No. 579

To the Government Agent
Jaffna

Sir,

Your letter of the 18th September to the Colonial Secretary respecting the passage boat from Ceylon to Damiskodai, was yesterday communicated to me thro' the Madras authorities, with permission to address you direct with a view to give full effect to your wishes -

Inclosed is copy of an order to the Chokydar at Paumben as an immediate temporary measure, explaining to him the establishment of a passage boat, and prohibiting any kind of interference, as I have not the least doubt the precautions you will take will be ample to prevent smuggling -

I would request you to be so good as to favor me with any detailed rules for the boatmen - the number of boats - their trips per mensum and a copy of the pass you propose furnishing them

I would also take the liberty of informing you a road, under construction, and now very greatly travelled, leads, in 70 Miles, from the port of Tondi to Madura; & I trust that in another year will be completed a road, for 8 Miles, from the still more valuable port of Devipatam to Ramnad, whence is a tolerably good and greatly frequented road of 70 Mile to Madura -

As I believe you are well acquainted with the island of Rameswaram it is scarcely necessary to mention the want of a Village at Daniscodai and the great difficulty of transport of good or passengers (even foot passengars) from Daniscodai to Ramnad.-

I will further trespass on your time in mentioning that sometimes no mails arrive at Daniscodai from Ceylon for two or three days together, and would ask in what way greater regularity might be effected in their conveyance; & whether the passage boats might not be made available.

Madura } (Signed) J. Blackburne
24th November 1838 } Prinl. Collr.

Order to Paumben Chokeydar thro' the Salt Amul-dar at Ramnad -

One or more passage boats are, or are about to be established to pass from Jaffna to Daniscodai, the particulars of which I will inform you as soon as I am able. Meantime you will not require any one connected with the boats to come to you at Paumben for papers of any kind; and you will refrain carefully from interrupting or interfering with them on any pretence of smuggling or any other cause. Where you have any ground of suspicio

you will content yourself with reporting it to me for future prevention -

I will thank you to report to me the particulars of any trouble private individuals are exposed to for want of papers &ca if embarking from Damscodai and by what orders they can be diminished without serious loss to the Government

Madura
24th November 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

No. 581 -

To the Superintendent of the
Government Lottery
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 12th Instant, I have the honor to annex a Register of Prizes paid, together with the 1st Class Tickets in the 63d Government Lottery

Madura
24th November 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Coll.r

No. 582 -

To the Superintendent of the
Government Lottery
Fort St. George

Sir,

Agreeably to your letter of the 30th Ultimo I have the honor to annex a Register of Tickets renewed in the 2d Class of the 63 Government Lottery together with the first Class Tickets returned amounting to Company's Rupees (1860) one Thousand eight hundred and Sixty for which sum a Bill

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on the Accountant General in favor of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Government Bank, is here with Enclosed

Madura 26th November 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

No. 18 Exchange for Company's Rupees 1860 " "

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from John Blackburne Esqr. Principal Collector of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees One Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty, to be paid, at Madras, to the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Government Bank, I request you will, at Sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor & date not being paid), pay the said sum of Company's Rupees One Thousand Eight hundred and Seventy to the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Government Bank, but not to his order, as per advice from

Madura 26th November 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

No. 583

To the Acting Assistant Judge
Cuddalore

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you a Bill on the Principal Collector of South Arcot for Rupees 15-13 being Value of 12 brushes & Charges for conveying thread from Cuddalore to Madura, as requested in your letter of the 20th instant

Madura 26th Novr. 1838 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

No. 304.

To the Principal Collector

Southern Division of Arcot

Cuddalore

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Mr. C. J. Kaye Acting Assistant Judge of Chingleput, at Sight, for the sum of Company's Rupees Fifteen & Anas Three, being Value of 12 Brushes & charges for Conveying thread from Cuddalore to Madura, which sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors."

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
26th November 1838

Exchange for Company's Rupees - 15. 13 - "

To the Principal Collector of the Southern Division of Arcot

Sir,

At Sight please to pay to Mr. C. J. Kaye, Acting Asst. Judge at Cuddalore, or his order, the sum of Company's Rupees Fifteen and anas Three, being Value of 12 Brushes and Charges for conveying thread from Cuddalore to Madura, which sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors." —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
26th November 1838.

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No. 585.

To the Acting Military Pay Master
Trichinopoly

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 23d instant I have the honor to inform you that during the time 2d Dresser Mootoosamy Naidoo, drew his pay from this Treasury up to 31st May last, No Separate Abstract was made, It was paid on the general bill of charge made out for the whole of my Civil Establishment.

Madura
27th Novr. 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 588.
To the Acting Judge
of
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Warrant to the Jailor with the prisoners, Magaund, Curnom of Jayahandanelly, Vellaya pillay Curnom of Maumpatty, and Vencatachella Naick, Curnom of Vadavampatty, in Amoorvattagay talook, of the Shevagunga Zemindary, for Embezzling Grain, and Sentenced, under Clause 2d Section V Regulation IX of 1822, to Confinement in Jail until they pay the amount awarded against them respectively, or until further orders.

Madura
28th Novr. 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 589

To the Acting Collector

of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Statement Shewing the Shipment of Cotton wool for Tuticorin in your District, during the last week, as directed by the Circular of the Board of Revenue under date the 9th March 1837.

Madura
29th November 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Coll.

No. 590.

To the Collector of Sea Customs
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Statement Shewing the Shipment of Cotton wool, for Madras, during the last week, as directed by the Circular of the Board of Revenue under date the 9th March 1837.

Madura
29th November 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Coll.

No. 592

To the Secretary to the Marine Board
Madras

Sir,

In answer to your Circular of the 22d Instant, received yesterday, I beg to offer my opinion that a modification of Act No. XIX of 1838 for the Registration of Vessels trading on the coast of Bombay, being applied to those trading on the cost of Coro-

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mandal is entirely unobjectionable -

As the coasting trade requires great encour-agement I am of opinion no registration charges should be yet made; as the charges for imprinting the letters will, in itself, be onerous where neither paint nor persons capable of painting the letters in the English language, are to be found -

The recovery of the penalty should be made on conviction before a Magistrate, or Justice of the peace, on the report to his satisfaction of the local officers on the coast, as the Collector's station in this district is 70 miles from the nearest part of the coast, and as the land betwixt it and the coast is Zemindary his presence is little required on the Coast.

Madura 30th Novr. 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl. Collr.

No. 593

To the Secretary to the late Committee for the revision of Customs and Post Office Depart for India Calcutta

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Statement of Land Customs, prepared in Conformity with your instructions of the 12th August 1837 -

Madura 1st December 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl. Collr.

No. 59[illegible]

To the Officer in Charge of the Works at

Paumben

Sir,

Having received instructions to pay Mr. Wilson at the rate of one hundred rupees a month from the 4th May last, I have the honor to request you will inform him I shall be prepaired to do so, thro' the Salt Amildar at Ramnad, on receipt of his monthly bills for that amount, countersigned by you.

Madura }
1st December 1838 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 598.

To J. C. Jerden Esqre.
Asst. Surgeon 4th L. C.
Trichinopoly

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 13th Ulimo, I have the honor to request you will, at your earliest convenience, forward me a receipt for the 1 Rupee refunded to you, as the Post Master General has again called upon me for it.

Madura }
9th December 1838 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 600.

To the Acting Collector
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward original address [of a] person representing herself as the Wife of

of Soobramyaloo Naiken, a Candian Prisoner; & request you will be so good as to ascertain, and inform me, if she is fully acquainted with the contents and acknowledges to have forwarded it to me.

Madura
3d. December 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Print. Collr.

The Honorable Company Dr.

To hire of a Bullock & driver to convey Rupees 5178-12-3 to the officer Commanding Dindigul, being the amount of Paymaster's Bill No. 272 dated 9 November 1838

Rupees 1-14-

Madura
3d. December 1838 } To the Paymaster Southern Division Trichinopoly (Sigd) J Blackburne Pl. Collr.

Received the amount Viz. Rupee one & anas fourteen -
(Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collr.

No. 601.

To the Principal Collector of Salem
Ossoor

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 23d. Ultimo requiring credit for Rupees 4-0-0 in adjustment of the price and carriage of wheat, furnished me on the 31st October 1837 - but in it you take no notice of my letter of the 30th November of the same year a compliance with the request contained in which would have caused a satisfactory adjustment, & to which I therefore beg leave to call your attention

Madura
4th December 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Print. Collr.

No. 603.

To the Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to return Rupees 25-9-

being the amount of Civil fund paid by you at Salem on the amount of Rupees 409-8 alluded to in your letter of yesterday -

Madura
4th December 1838 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

No. 602 -

To the Principal Collector of Salem

Sir,

With reference to your letter under date the 10th Ultimo I have the honor to inform you I have this day recovered from Mr. W. Elliot the amount of Deputation allowance drawn by him, as noted in the Margin, and which will be credited to you in my accounts for the present Month -

Deputation allowance drawn 409-8
Deduct Civil fund paid there 6¼ ₩ Cent - 25:9:6
Balance 383:14:6

Madura
4th December 1838 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

The Honorable Company - Dr.

To hire for a Cart to convey Rupees 6484-6-3 to the Officer Commanding Dindigul, being the amount of Paymasters Bill No. 301 dated 4th December 1838

Rupees - 1-14 -

Madura
5th December 1838 }

To the Paymaster Southern Division Trichinopoly

(Sig.d) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

Received the amount Rup.s Rupees one & anas fourteen
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

No. 605.

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To the Sub-Collector

Dindigul

Sir,

I have the honor, in answer to your letter of yesterday's date, to forward the draft of one I had yesterday occasion to address the Officer Commanding the Southern division of the army, which I request you will return after perusal; and which can, if you think proper, form the basis of your answer to Lieutenant Colonel Wilson

Madura
5th December 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

No. 599.

To the Officer Commanding Southern Division of the Army

Trichinopoly

Sir,

In answer to your letter of yesterday's date I have the honor to inform you no treasure is usually deposited at Dindigul, but from the Talook treasury of Tandicombo, distance about 7 miles, I receive monthly, from November to June, 8000 Rupees. For civil purposes and security of Dindigul and its environs I am of opinion a military guard may be dispensed with entirely, but the Stores, the amount of which I am unacquainted with, may require your consideration

Madura
3rd December 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

No. 609

To the Acting Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of D. R. Limond Esqre., at Sight, for the sum of Company's Rupees Five hundred and forty Six, anas Nine, and Pice Eleven, being the amount of his pay for November last, paid into this Treasury by Mr. W. Elliot, Acting Judge of Madura, which sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors".

Madura
6th December 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Exchange for Company's Rupees 546-9-11.

To the Acting Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir,

At Sight please to pay to D. R. Limond Esqre., or his Order, the sum of Company's Rupees Five hundred and forty Six, anas Nine and Pice Eleven, being the amount of his pay for November last paid by Mr. W. Elliot, Acting Judge of Madura, which sum will be credited to you under the the Head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors".

Madura
6th December 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 610.

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To the Acting Judge of

Madura

Sir,

Under instructions from the Board of Revue, under date the 15th Ultimo, to make over to the Paper Manufactory certain old records, I have the honor to forward 300 bundles, and request you will be good enough to use precautions to prevent any of the papers being taken away by individuals previous to their being put in requisition for the factory -

Madura - } (Signed) J. Blackburne
7th December 1838 } Prinl. Collr.

No. 612.

To the Superintendent of Stamps

Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to my Indent of the 19th Ultimo, I have the honor to request your early transmission (by return of Tappal if possible) of the 50 Rolls of Stampt paper, Valued at 2 Rupees each, as the quantity on hand is very trifling

Madura } (Signed) J. Blackburne
8th December 1838 } Prinl. Collr.

No. 614

To the Acting Collector of

Tinnevelly

Sir

I have the honor to advise you that I ha[ve]

this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of D. R.
Limond Esqre., at Sight, for the sum of Company's Rupees
Five, anas Thirteen and Pice one, being part of the
amount of Deputation allowance due to him
for August last, paid into this Treasury by
W. Elliot Esqre., Acting Judge of Madura, which
sum will be Credited to you under the Head of "Re-
mittances & Transfers between Collectors" -

Madura
8th December 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Exchange for Company's Rupees - 5 - 13 - 1 -

To the Acting Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir,

At Sight please to pay to D. R Limond
Esqre., or his order, the sum of Company's Rupees Five,
anas Thirteen and Pice One, being part of the amount
of Deputation allowance due to him for August last,
paid into this Treasury by W. Elliot Esqre., Acting Judge
of Madura, which sum will be Credited to you under
the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between
Collectors." -

Madura
2d Decr. 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 65

To the Acting Judge of
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Warrant to the

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Jailer with the prisoner, Seenyapillay, Curnom of Sucky-

mungalam, in Melur Talook, Committed for suppressing

lands in the accounts of fusly 1247; and sentenced to be

Confined in Jail for the period of 3 Months on failing to

pay the fine of 150 Rupees imposed upon him agreeably

to Clause 1st Section V Regulation IX of 1822 -

Madura } (Signed) J. Blackburne
10th December 1838 } Prin.l Coll.r

No. 616.

To the Acting Collector

Tinnevelly

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 7th Instant just received, I have the honor to inform you the Scavengers Carts, employed at Madura, are engaged on contract at 10½ Rupees a month each, and were originaly provided by the Contractor

Madura } (Signed) J. Blackburne
10th December 1838 } Prin.l Coll.r

No. 617.

To the Officer Commanding Southern Division

of the Army

Trichinopoly

Sir,

Conceiving it possible you may have directed the detachment of the 33rd Regiment, when relieved at Ramn[illegible] to proceed thro' Trichinopoly, by way of Madura, in igno[illegible] rance of there being any shorter route, I take the liberty

to inclose a list of stages with the computed distances by one -

Madura } 10th Decr 1838 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl Collr

No 619

To the Paymaster of Stipends
Vellore

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 28th Ultimo I have the honor to inform you the leave of absence requested by the Kandian Prisoner Comaraw Rengappanaidoo in his address to which you gave cover, has been granted for 3 Months, and a Bill is inclosed in payment of the arrears of his allowance, amounting to Rupees 96-1-9, on the Principal Collector of North Arcot.

Madura } 11th Decr 1838 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl Collr

No 620.

To the Acting Collector of
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day, drawn upon you a Bill, in favor of the Register of the Southern Provincial Court, Trichinopoly, at Ten days sight, for the sum of Companys Rupees (50-4-3) Fifty, Anas Four and Pice Three, being the amount of Costs, collected from the Special appellant in S. A. S. No 7 of 1834, to be paid to the Special Respondent, which

which sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors" — 78

Madura }
11th Decr. 1838 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Exchange for Company's Rupees 50-4-3-

To the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

At Ten days Sight please to pay to the Register of the Southern Provincial Court, Trichinopoly, or his Order, the sum of Company's Rupees fifty, anas Four & Pice Three, being the amount of Costs Collected by the Acting Zillah Judge of Madura, from the Special appellant in S. A. S. No. 7 of 1834, to be paid to the Special Respondent, which sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors".

Madura }
11th Decr. 1838 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 621.

To the Principal Collector of the Northern Division of Arcot

Sir,

At Ten days Sight please to pay to Coomarah Rungappah Naidoo, a Kandian Prisoner of war, or his order the sum of Company's Rupees (96-1-9) ninety six, anas one & Pice nine, being his allowances in arrears for June to November last, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and Transfers

between Collectors"

Madura
11th Decr 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Exchange for Companys Rupees - 96 - 1 - 9

To the Principal Collector of the Northern
Division of
Arcot

Sir,

At Ten days Sight please to pay to Coomaurah Rungappah Naidoo, a Kandean Prisoner of war, or his order, the sum of Companys Rupees Ninety Six, anna one & Pice nine, being his allowances in arrears from June to November last which sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors"

Madura
11th Decr 1838 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 622.

To the Principal Collector of
Malabar
Calicut

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 6th instant, enclosing, for adjustment, 2 bills of Mr. Goodwyn for his Salary and Tent allowance, I beg leave to observe that one of the bills is for House rent, and not for Tent allowance as stated by you

Madura
11th Decr 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 624.

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To the Principal Collector of

Salem

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 4 Bills in Duplicate of Mr. W. Elliot, and 3 of Mr. P. Irvine, Head & Assistant Collectors of you District, for the amount paid to them from this Treasury, on account of their Salary &ca for November, which is debited in the accounts of this office, as noted in the margin, leaving you to draw, and Credit, on their account to the Civil Fund; and request that the sum may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors".

Mr. W. Elliot		
Salary & Commission	647 - 11 - 11	
Deduct Civil Fund	41 - 7 - 9	
	606 - 4 - 2	
Tent allowance	42 " "	
House rent	35 " "	683 - 4 - 2
Mr. P. Irvine		
Salary	350 " "	
Deduct Civil fund	21 - 14 -	
	328 - 2 "	
Tent allowance	42 " "	
House rent	35 " "	405 - 2 "
C. Rs.		1088 - 6 2

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

Madura
13th December 1838

No. 625.

To the Principal Collector of the Southern Division of Arcot

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of C. J. Kaye Esqre., Acting Assistant Judge of your District, at sight, for the sum of Company's Rupees (6) six, being the price of a Contracting and expanding lever Screw, paid

into this Treasury by Mr. W Elliot, Acting Judge of Madura, which sum will be Credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors."

Madura } (Signed) J. Blackburne
14th December 1838 } Prin! Collector

Exchange for Company's Rupees - 6 - " - "

To the Principal Collector of the
Southern Division of
Arcot

Sir,

At sight please to pay to Mr. C. T. Kaye, Acting Assistant Judge of you District or his Order the sum of Company's Rupees Six being the price of a Contracting & Expanding lever Screw, paid into this Treasury by Mr. W. Elliot, Acting Judge of Madura which sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors".

Madura } (Signed) J. Blackburne
14th Decr. 1838 } Prin! Collr.

No. 627.

To the Superintendent of Stamps
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a receipted Invoice, in duplicate, for the Stampt paper despatched with your letter of the 5th instant; and to state, that of 500 papers of 4 Anas each, 350 have been damaged by rain on the road; They have been dried, and I shall endeavor

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to dispose of them -

Madura }
17th December 1838 }
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 628.

To Collector of
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to apprize you I have this day applied for a guard to escort three lacs of rupees to the Presidency about or before the middle of next month

Madura }
17th December 1838 }
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Nos. 629 & 630 -

Similar letters to the Principal Collectors of Tanjore & South Arcot -

No. 631

To the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army
Trichinopoly

Sir,

On understanding the 33rd Regiment would march thro' this en route to Palaveram, about the middle of next month I propose to forward three lacs of rupees to the presidency about that time, and as there is no urgency I have the honor to request you will order an escort at such time as is most convenient to yourself, and apprize me of it.

Madura 17th December 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 632.

To the British Resident

Travencore

Sir,

With reference to your letter & its enclosures under date the 9th Ultimo, I have the honor to forward Copy of an address from the Tasildar of Tenkasy and its enclosures and as the Zemindar of Tavarom fears to hold himself responsible for theft that may be committed in the Cardamom Gardens, he proposes to carry on the work of the Dam immediately after gathering & removing the cardamoms, about the end of March or beginning of April, and to go on successively till the work is completed, I have therefore the honor to request you will be pleased to communicate his address, of which I have the honor to forward a Copy, to the Travencore Government.

I take the liberty at the same time, to point out my own understanding of the agreement that the Travencore Government is only anxious to secure itself from the depredation of people of this Country, & that it by no means intends to hold the Poligar responsible for Robberies by the Travencore people

Madura
15th December
1838.
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Signed/ J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

To

No 633

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To the British Resident

Tanjaour

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose a receipted bill for stones set up at each second mile in the Country of H. E. the Rajah Tondaman Bahadur on the high road from Trichinopoly to Palamcotay.

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Madura }
17th December 1838 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

No 634

To the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir

I have the honor to forward for your information Copy of an address from Saidoo Ramananda pundarom of Ramaswerram under date the 12th instant, and to request your attention to its suggestions, or that I may be favored with your objections.

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Madura }
18th Decr 1838 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl Collr

No 637

To the Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

With a view to expose the merchants to as le[ss]

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...ttle detention as possible I have directed the duplicate Rowanahs required by your letter of the 21st Instant just received, to be put under the same cover, authenticated by the signature of my head Gomastah Ragonnad Row

Madura
Permagudi
23rd December 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

No. 639

To the Officer Commanding
Vellore

Sir,

I hasten to amend the oversight pointed out in your letter of the 17th Instant just received, and am very sorry for the trouble you have had, and the inconvenience to which the Detenue may have been exposed.

Madura
Permagudi
23rd Decr. 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

No. 638

To the Acting Judge
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, just now, of your letter of the 21st Instant, giving cover to copy of the motion omitted to be enclosed with your precept of the preceding day: — you will have already received my return; and the paper in question would not have

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caused any alteration in the substance of it.

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Madura }
Permagudi
23d December 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

No. 641

To the Collector of
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill, in favor of Mr. A. Shewan, Assistant Surgeon 45th Regiment N.I, at ten days sight for the sum of Companys Rupees (31-12) Thirty one & anas twelve, being his regulated Medical allowance while at Dindigul, at 12½ Rupees per 100 men per Month, or from 1st to 15th December 1838, which sum will be credited to you under the head of Remittances and transfers between Collectors.

Madura }
Permagudi
23d Decr 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

Exchange for Companys Rupees - 31- 12 -"

To the Collector of
Trichinopoly

Sir,

At ten days sight please to pay to Mr A. Shewan, Assistant Surgeon 45th Regiment N.I, or his order, the sum of Companys Rupees Thirty one & anas twelve being the amount of his regulated Medical allowance

while

the detention as possible I have directed the duplicate Rowanahs required by your letter of the 21st Instant just received, to be put under the same cover, authenticated by the signature of my head Gomastah Ragoonad Row

Madura
Permaguди
23rd December 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

No. 639

To the Officer Commanding
Vellore

Sir,

I hasten to amend the oversight pointed out in your letter of the 17th Instant just received, and am very sorry for the trouble you have had, and the inconvenience to which the Detenue may have been exposed.

Madura
Permagudi
23rd Decr. 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

No. 638

To the Acting Judge
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, just now, of your letter of the 21st Instant giving cover to copy of the motion omitted to be enclosed with your pre-cept of the preceding day:— you will have already received my return; and the paper in question would not have

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No 8

To Captain C. E. Faber
Civil Engineer 4th Division
Avenashy

Sir,

In the absence of the Principal Collr. on Circuit, I have the honor to enclose a Bill drawn on the Principal Collector of Coimbatore, for the sum of Company's Rupees (367. 8. ") being the amount of pay of your Establishment for last month

Madura 6th January 1838 } (Signed) T. J. P. Harris A. H. Asst Collr.

Exchange for Company's Rupees 367. 8 - "

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

At sight please to pay to Captain C. E. Faber, Civil Engineer 4th Division, or his order, the sum of Company's Rupees three hundred and sixty seven and annas eight, being the amount of pay of his Establishment for last month, which sum will be credited to you under head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors"

Madura 6th Jany 1838 } (Signed) T. J. P. Harris A. H. A. Collector

No 14

To The Civil Engineer 4th Division
Avanashy

Sir

I have the honor to request you will favor me, at your earliest convenience, with an Estimate for the removal of the ramparts of the Fort of Madura, & for filling up the ditch, bearing in mind that Convicts are not available for the Service, and that all the stones are to be kept apart for future use; - and I would beg you in event of an actual experiment being necessary to ascertain the Contracts of

of the rampart to favor me with your Estimate for removing 50 or 100 yards experimentally

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collector

Madura Tondi
11th January 1838

No 20.

To
The Surveyor General
Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to forward a Half yearly return of the Maps of this District furnished for the use of my Office —

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collr

Madura Tondi
11th January 1838

No 30

To the Military Paymaster Southn Division
Trichinopoly

Sir

I have the honor to return, duly receipted, the Bill forwarded with your letter of the 18th instant —

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collr

Madura 22d Jany 1838

No 4X

To the Civil Engineer 4th Division

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an Occasional Estimate for repairing 3 Tanks in the neighbourhood of Salt pans of this District for the accommodation of Salt Ryots & Merchants, and their cattle; & request you will be good enough to procure me Sanction for Rupees 200, the Salt Ryots having undertaken to defray the remaining 100 Rupees —

Madura 29th January
1838

(Signed) John Blackburne
Principal Collector

No 93

To
The Civil Engineer
4th Division

Sir,

I have the honor to forward 3 Occasional

occasional Estimates, one for Constructing Bridges &c on the road from Dindigul to Madura, another for repairing Talook Cutcherries and Public Bungalows, and a third for Wells in Shevagunga, amounting res:pectively to Rupees 368-12-9, Rupees 548.2.3, & Rs 300 " "; and request you will be good enough to procure me the necessary sanction of Government, the particulars being fully explained in the remarks.

Madura 23 Feby 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl Collector

No 110

To Captn C. E. Faber Civil Engineer 4th Division Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Bill on the Principal Collector of Coimbatore for the sum of Companys Rupees (241. 4. ") Two hundred & forty one and Anas four being the amount of pay of your Establishment for Feby.

I beg to forward Extract of Register of Deposits in the Government Savings Bank made in your Department for March and request you will be good enough to return it to me with your signature for transmission to the Accountant General — The Books are herewith returned duly receipted.

Madura 1st March 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl Collector

Exchange for Companys rupees 241. 4. "

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore

At sight please to pay to Captn C. E. Faber, Civil Engineer 4th Division, or his order, the sum of Companys Rupees Two hundred & forty one and Anas four, being on account of pay of his Establishment for February, which sum will be Credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors" —

Madura 1st March 1838 (Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl Collr

No. 134

To. The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Department of Public Works
Fort Saint George

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 5th instant I have the honor to inform you that no Diaries of Colonel Coldwell for the years 1804 & 5 are recorded in this office —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Madura 12th March 1838

No. 135

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Department of Public Works
Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to your Circular of the 1st received on the 10th instant, I have the honor to inform you unremitting attention continues to be given to the avenues of about 500 Miles of road in this Collectorate, and generally speaking with success; tho' certainly not without much failure from the impracticable nature of the ground. The avenues are chiefly of Banyan, raised from branches, not from seed, tho' that method has also partially succeeded. Government never having yet supplied Jack seed, the introduction of that valuable tree has been confined to my own private exertions, and as the ground is not generally well adapted I do not think there are above 150 trees that are springing up out of many bandies of seed that I imported. I am endeavoring to carry into effect the wishes of Government with respect to this tree by degrees.

As yet no expense has been incurred in watering avenue trees, and to this cause may be attributed their loss in parts of the Collectorate more

than usually thinly inhabited —

Madura 12th March 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin[l] Collector

No. 145

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue in the Department of Public Works
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to forward 2 Statements of works performed by the Convicts employed under my Superintendence for the month of January and up to the date of their retransfer to Paumbon in February.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin[l] Collector

Madura 14th March 1838.

No. 147

To The Civil Engineer 4th Division
Avanashy

Sir

1. I have the honor to forward the ordinary Estimates for the Zemindary of Shevagungah, which, from their large amount, I request may be submitted to the Authorities at the Presidency with as little delay as may be.

Repairs
Ain 138895
Engin. &c. 7081
Sibbandy 6000
144896

The long neglect of this important branch of revenue administration, interrupted only by most slight and partial care, has now rendered necessary

5 years works
6781.

work there is no prospect of completing in less than three seasons (perhaps not for five) and for that period I would beg sanction to be obtained that no time may be lost in taking advantage of change of season and local circumstances which cannot be commanded but with the most provident watchfulness and care.

2. Your promise to give me efficient

aid

:ved in the preparation of these Estimates having been in a very great measure frustrated by the entire dis:qualification by sickness of your Assistant and by the domestic calamities of your Senior Assistant revenue Surveyor, compelled me to withdraw the Collectorate Murammut Superintendent from his proper duties, and the whole of the Estimates, not prepared by the Assistt. Surveyor, have been diligently and skilfully performed by him. — I have frequently recommended him for an increase of pay as due to his abilities, integrity and activity. I now again beg to recommend thro' you that his pay be made up from the Zemindary assets from the 1st November, the day on which he entered on this duty, from Rupees 35. to Rupees 52½ per mensem till the 28th Ultimo. And that, as his services are now imperatively required on the Chinna Moolear project, his pay as Murammut Superintendent of this Collectorate be increased from the 1st Instant, to Rupees 52½ pr. mensem. He is at this moment examining the injury done to the unfinished Tindi road from the bursting of Tanks in the neighbourhood of Sheveagunga by the un:usually heavy and most valuable shower of rain of the 1st instant. In a few days he will witness the Completion of the Vigdoy causeway at this place, and will then proceed to the Chinna Moolear where I hope the preparations will be so far advanced as to enable him at once to commence the cut with vigor. — See letters to Board 9th Sepr. & 10th Oct 1837

3 In the Estimates forwarded to you the Ayacut head is left blank because it is unknown, and the accounts given not credible, and at this moment impracticable to ascertain.

The pretended Zemindary rate of earth work is 4 pice

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pr. rod of 12 hands but independent of little or no work ever having been performed, it was always customary to give an addition according to the distance it had to be carried:— In the estimate the rate is 6 pice pr. yard, but it is probable it will be found the <u>smaller</u> tanks may be undertaken at 4 pice; which, however, cannot be clearly known since the estimates were made whilst the water is still in the Tanks: The rate fixed for distances not exceeding 25 yards is 4 pice; above that, 6 pice, per yard.—

4. In the Abstract I have shewn the probable increase at 1,95,740 Rupees; nor do I believe I have at all exaggerated in my anticipations, so excellent is the soil, and so sufficient are the Cultivators in number, but such is the mismanagement and want of foresight in the proprietor and his people, that there is no hope of the necessary repairs ever being undertaken in his hands, as may be argued from the hitherto gross misappropriation of the Colavatoo fund—being a tax of from 6 to 12 Mercalls of grain on each cly of Nunjah land, collected from the Ryots for the express purpose of works of irrigation, and which averages 1000 Rupees per annum; a sum ample, had it been duly and fairly expended, to have rendered any extraordinary outlay now unnecessary—

5 The Board will expect the entire realization of the Kists of this year, after deducting all charges, as well as a balance appropriable to the liquidation of last year's balance, and I trust there is no fear they will be disappointed. but it will often happen that in the progressing of these works there will be no assets belonging to the Zemindary to meet

meet the outlay. It is therefore for the Consideration of Government to authorize the necessary disbursements from the Government treasury, and this I beg strongly to recommend, as I am convinced so bountiful an application of their money as temporary loan will be followed by an immediate amelioration of the Condition of a large body of people, and the best means of securing a large supply of the most valuable description of rice for the Market

A letter [illegible] Circulo Copy of this was forwarded on this date to the Board of Revenue and will be found entered in the Book of letters to Rev[illegible]

Madura 15th March 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Principal Collector

No. 148

To The Civil Engineer 4th Division

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your Consideration an Occasional Estimate for repairing the newly raised road in the bed of the Nellypoor tank which has been greatly injured by the rain which fell on the 1st instant, and the Tasildar states in his address of the 8th, that if the road be not speedily repaired much more Expence will ultimately be incurred.

(Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl. Collr.

Madura 15th March 1838

No. 150

To The Civil Engineer 8th Division

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit Statement with an Abstract and Data (from No. 1 to 3) of Probable Estimates of "Ordinary" & "Occasional" repairs of Tanks and Watercourses &ca. in the Districts of Madura and Dindegul for the year 1838.

Madura 26th March 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl. Collector

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No 156

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To The Civil Engineer
8th Division
Madura

Sir

1. With reference to remarks on the Acrapatty Tank and Channel in your diary of yesterday I have the honor to inform you the work shall be immediately executed as Extraordinary, on an outlay of Rupees 27. 12. 9 upon them

9 2. I take this opportunity of requesting Sanction for the works mentioned in Mr Martins diary of the 12th instant, which reached me too late (not till the 26th) to be inserted in the ordinary Estimates of the year, and which will of course be under progress

Madura 30th March 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

No 157

To The Civil Engineer 8th Division

Sir

I have the honor to transmit the under mentioned Statements for the actual expenditure of works performed for the repairs of Tanks and Watercourses &c in the Districts of Madura & Dindigul for the year 1837 Viz.t

9 No 1 & 2 Statement of Ordinary repairs together with an Abstract exhibiting the works performed from 1st Jan.y to 11th July & from 12th July to 31st December 1837

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No 1 & 2 Statement of Ordinary repairs together with an Abstract exhibiting the works performed from 1st Jan.y to 11th July & from 12th July to 31st December 1837	20432.	4.	"
Statement of Occasional repairs	4349.	11.	"
Statement of Extraordinary repairs	2577.	11.	"
Statements of repairs of high roads &ca	8141.	10.	5
Statement of repairs to Public roads under the Sanction of Government dated 21st July 1835	675.	2.	4
Statement of Works performed by the poorer classes of the Ryots	3171	7.	10
Account particulars of Batta paid to the pensioned Sepoys stationed at the public Bungalows on the high road	235	1.	"
Rupees	36582.	15.	8

Madura 30th March (Signed) J. Blackburne

No. 159

To The Civil Engineer 8th Division
Madura

Sir,

Being aware you are on the point of Examining on the Spot the ordinary Estimates for Shevagunga, I have the honor to request your particular attention to the Tondi road, the Estimate for which was sanctioned the end of 1836. — The difficulties I have met in prosecuting the work, and the injury that has been sustained by it from an unusually heavy and unseasonable monsoon, and from the unusual and exceedingly heavy rain of the 28th February, have made necessary further Estimates that cannot be defrayed from the reduced expenditure of one part being applied to the increased exigencies of the other part.

You will at once perceive how much this road is improved tho' still so far from Completion. — I cannot think it necessary anew to enter into the detail of its great utility — but conclude with requesting your examination of what has been done — Your instructions to the people employed to avoid future error, and a new Estimate to its thorough completion, and particularly with reference to that part between Thiruvaegumput & Calleiar=Covil — a part so bad and so difficult of improvement that the original Estimate passed it over as incurable

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Resid. Collr.

Madura 31st March 1838

No. 160

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue in the Department of Public Works
Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 12,

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12th received on the 20th Instant I beg leave to inform you I received a satisfactory report from the Thiroo-mungullum Taseldar, on the 3d Septr, that the injury sustained by the Mailacottah bridge was not the effect of bad workmanship, but from the maladroitness of bandy drivers - as soon as the passing of the Monsoon permitted I caused it's efficient repair at an Expense of Rupees 21 Anas 15, in January -

No one being willing to undertake execution of the sunken causeways at Shevaracottah, and two others in Cellangoody, at the rates estimated by Mr Assistant Surveyor Hogg in consequence of the great price of food and distance from which the stones were to be brought reference was made to the Civil Engineer, by whom the rate was raised from 1 to 1½ Rupees on the 14th Apl last.- and tho' I deem even that rate too low, the work has been well and efficiently executed -

I had trusted that from no objection being taken to the one work, and the other being reported upon without any animadversion, by the Civil Engineer, that the Diary of a Surveyor would not have been deemed sufficient cause to raise suspicions of my neglect or oversight of duty -

Madura 31st March 1838 } (Signed) J Blackburne Principal Collr

Memo:

With reference to the Civil Engineers Diary of the 26th Ultimo (received this day) the Principal Collector requests sanction may be procured for the improvements required at the Nelacottah talook Cutcherry -

Madura 2d April 1838 } (Signed) J Blackburne Princl Collector

To the Civil Engineer 6th Division Madura

No. 168

To the Civil Engineer
8th Division

Sir,
With reference to my Memo: of yesterday's date I have the honor to forward an Occasional Estimate for additional room in the Nellacottah Talook Cutcherry, and request you will be good enough to obtain the necessary Sanction

Madura 3d April 1838 (Signed) J Blackburne
Prin'l Coll'r.

No. 174

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Department of Public Works
Fort St George

Sir,
I have the honor to forward the Statement called for in your Circular of the 2d instant of Expenses incurred in public works of all descriptions during the last three years and of the Charges of Superintendence

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin'l Collector

Madura
10th April 1838

No.

To The Civil Engineer
8th Division

Sir,
I have the honor to forward an account of charges incurred for removing portion of the wall to the north of the Eastern gate in the rampart of the Fort of Madura as data for your Estimate for it's entire removal

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin'l Coll'r.

Dindigul
20th April 1838

No 198

To The Civil Engineer
8th Division

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter & Extract of Memo: from the Accountant General under date the 18th instant, and request you will be good enough to furnish the Certificates required.

Madura 20th April 1838 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collector

No 200

To the Civil Engineer
8th Division

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 2d Instant, I have the honor to forward a Statement of works remaining unexecuted from the Occasional Estimate sanctioned in 1836, and request a renewal of the sanction for which remains to be done - A separate application with a large additional Estimate shall be forwarded as soon as possible for the Tondi Road the original sanction for which was only received a few days before the close of the year 1836, meantime the works on it, and on the new Estimate, are under progress, as their interruption would cause serious loss of what has been already undertaken.

Madura 28th April 1838 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collector

No 210

To Captain C. E. Faber Civil Engineer 8th Divn
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Sir

I have the honor to enclose a Bill on the Principal Collector of Coimbatore for the sum of Companys Rupees (461. 4. -) Four hundred & sixty one and anas four, being on account of pay of your Establishment for April 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr

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Exchange for Company's Rupees .. 461 4 "

To The Principal Collector of Coimbatore

Sir

At sight please to pay to Captain C. E. Faber, Civil Engineer 8th Division, or his order, the sum of Company's Rupees Four hundred and sixty one and Anas four, being on account of pay of his Establishment for April, which sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors" — D

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collector

Madura
1st May 1838

No 219

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue in the Department of public Works
Fort St George

Sir,

On the requisition of, and in communication with, the Civil Engineer, I caused ten yards of the Fausse braye of the Fort of Madura to be cut thro', to obtain him data for estimating the Cost of its entire removal, and have the honor to forward Copy of his letter giving it at about 15000 Rupees — D

I have the honor to annex Memo: of the Cost and request you will be so good as to procure me Sanction for it —

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collector

Madura
4th May 1838

No 220

To The Civil Engineer — 8th Division
Coimbatore

Sir

I have the honor to forward an Occasional Estimate for Works at the Traveller's Bungalow at Chittompatty, amounting to Rupees 57-6-" and request you will be good enough D

to procure me the necessary sanction of Government

(Signed) J Blackburne
Madura 4th May 1838 Princl Collector

No. 263

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Department of public works
Fort St George

Sir,

In answer to the Copy of your Communication to the Civil Engineer of the 7th Instant received on the 19th I have the honor to inform the Board that the average number of Convicts supplied for the Causeway over the Vighay, on my application for the greatest possible number that could be spared even to the detriment of the paper and all indoors employment, has been 79 a day - and on saturday, the 19th, 76 were employed - this work will be finished in a few days, if the same number of Convicts be continued - The roads in the vicinity & the streets in the Town urgently require their labors, & I know it is the wish of the Chief Engineer that 50 of them should be withdrawn for the works at Pamban

The facings of the rampart would be carried away in a few years without expense were liberty given to all to take the stone that like, & the debris would fall shortly after, and with comparatively little labor would be thrown into the ditch, which it would fill up to about one fourth, or possibly one third, - but I should by no means recommend this plan at the loss of the cutstones the more I consider the nature of the cholera, as disclosed within the Fort of Madura and the open towns and villages of the Collectorate, the more I am convinced it has not been increased

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here by the presence of the ramparts, and I hope the time may yet come when the Government will acknowledge that the charge of its continuance and severity within the Fort is not fairly attributable to my neglect in capacity of Magistrate.

On the expense of destroying the walls by gunpowder the Civil Engineer will of course report.

It may be necessary to state that I communicated the Civil Engineer's letter on the subject of the ramparts at his intimation that he considered it my province.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura Teroomungalom
21st May 1838

No 271

To The Civil Engineer 8th Division
Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your information translate of an address from the Tahsr. of Mandacolum and beg to be favored with your opinion as to the rate demanded by the Stone Cutters.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura 25th May 1838

No 272

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Department of public works
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to express my hopes that you will be able to procure me sanction for the 4 Bridges in Aulamoortaputty of Taudicombo and Arātuttoo of Nellacotay in Dindigul, being both on the high road between Madura & Dindigul, and for which estimates, amounting to only to Rupees 288 " " 9, were forwarded from this Office to that of the Civil Engineer on the 23d. February last.

Madura 25th May 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
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To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Depart^t of public works
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24 instant, received yesterday, & to state that the Bill of sums disbursed in the repairs of Roads on the annual discretionary outlay, has already been forwarded to the Civil Engineer on the 30th March; if it is your wish I shall hereafter send it direct without the intervention of that officer. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin^l Coll^r.

Madura 30th May 1838.

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No 285

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Depart^t of public works
Fort St. George

Sir

With reference to the permission given by Government for the use of the Fort Stones and employment of Convicts in forming a Causeway over the Vighey, I have the honor to report the work was commenced on the 17th May 1837 and completed on the 21st Instant. The daily average number of Convicts employed, including Sundays and other holidays, has been 79. — and they were greatly aided by the townsmen lending their bullocks for transport of the stones to the river. It will remain for the Engineer to report on the manner & efficiency with which the work has been performed. The only expense attending it is 205.15.1. Rupees to the stone cutters for fitting and adjusting, the cost of 6 Carts and their being kept in repair which has been done out of the 700 Rupees per annum intrusted to my discretionary expenditure. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Coll^r.

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Madura
30th May 1838

No 295

To

The Civil Engineer - 8th Division
Coimbatore

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 28th April, I have the honor to forward a statement of works remaining unexecuted of the sanctioned Estimate at the close of the year 1836, and a new Estimate for the same line of road; and request you will be good enough to procure me sanction for them

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ^l Collector

Madura Hotthamputty
6th June 1838

No. 312

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Department of public works
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter and its enclosure from the Civil Engineer, dated the 13th instant, & am sorry to observe that he attaches blame to the local Authorities in not giving him correct data, but as the project was brought forward by himself at the request of the Cultivators of the Cumbom Valley, tho' fully acquiesced in by me on his verbal explanation, and sanctioned by Government on the 30th January last, I think he sh^d have been aware that the data were the rates allowed for the low Country, and that it was his duty to have made his remarks on the prices, and have pointed out to me, or the Tasil^r, any modifications he had to suggest, as laid down in the 2^d para of the Muramut rules of 1832.

As nothing but loss of time can be the result of any attempt of mine to exculpate myself to the Civil Engineer; and as I am entirely unaware

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of what partial good is to be obtained by an inefficient execution of the purposed work, which would also be irregular without the Board's Sanction; and as I have reason to apprehend still further difficulties will be found in a bed of rock in the proposed Channel, I have determined at once to refer the matter to the Board - and to say that my orders issued for the vigorous recommencement of the work at the end of this month when the short period of salubrious season is supposed to have fairly set in, will be immediately recalled -

If the advantages proposed by the Civil Engineer are attainable even at the increased estimate I beg to offer my opinion on the advantages of prosecuting the work -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura Allenagrum
18th June 1838

No. 320

To The Civil Engineer 8th Division
Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a plan of the Nellacottah Talook Cutcherry as requested by you -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collector

Madura 20th June 1838

No. 323

To The Civil Engineer - 8th Division
Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter from the Accountant General under date 22 instant and to request you will be good enough to recover the amount therein alluded to Vizt Rupees 140. 2. 5 from Lieutenant Congreve and remit it to me

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collr

Madura
26th June 1838

No. 329.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Department of Public works
Fort Saint George

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 21st instant just received, I beg to report for the information of the Board, that immediately on the receipt of Mr. Hogg's Diary of the 12th April on the 25th of the same month, I commenced the investigation of his complaint, and am satisfied the error originated in accident in which the maistry complained of was no way concerned. The bridge has been completed and I hope the Civil Engineer will be able to assure you it has been done in a perfect & efficient manner —

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin. Coll.

Madura 29th June 1838.

No. 330

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Department of Public works
Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 11th instant, No. 479, received this day, I have the honor to state that the 5½ Cawnies of land, therein alluded to, is not the total Ayacut Extent under the reservoir, but only the portion brought under cultivation since the proprietor repaired the Tank at his private Expence. The Total Nunja will be 80 Cawnies by conversion of the Punja land if the repairs are made, as I had hoped would have been apparent from the Remarks

Madura
29th June 1838

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin. Collector

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To Captain C. E. Faber
Civil Engineer 8th Division
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Sir,

I have the honor to request you will forward to me the Duplicate draft No 34, dated 21st May, granted by the Paymaster Southern Division Trichinopoly, for Rupees 190—

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Madura 4th July 1838. (Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

No 344.

To The Civil Engineer 8th Division
Vembacottah

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a statement of actual Expenditure on works performed to the high road 1837 from Tondy to Madura; & request the necessary Sanction of Government may be obtained.

Rs 4216.9.4

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(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collector

Madura
10th July 1838

No 345.

To The Military Paymaster South Division
Trichinopoly

Sir

I have the honor to forward for your information Extract of a letter from the Accountant General under date the 14th May, and to state that the Regimental allowance of Captn Faber, Civil Engineer of the 8th Division alluded to in your Statements of 9 May & 9 June, as noted in the Margin have been debited to Military Books in my Accounts for last month, and will in future be Continued to be debited under the same head—

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From 20th March
to 31st March
Rupees 97.10.9
April 252.5.—

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collector

Madura 10th July 1838

Extract of a letter from the Accountant General dated 14th May 1838.

5th I am also to inform you that under the orders of Government, dated 8th instant, the whole of the

Regimental

Regimental allowances of Civil Engineers from the 20th March last are chargeable to the Military Depart:ment, if therefore you have been furnished with a statement of any such payments made by the Paymaster in your range, and have Credited the same to "Military Books," the entry should be reversed in your next accounts and the Paymaster informed of your having done so.

(A true Extract)
(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collr

No. 351.

To The Civil Engineer 8th Division
Vemboocottay

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your Consideration Copies of 2 arzies from the Nettacottah Tahsildar and a plan of the Dam proposed in 1832 to be Constructed across the Im:pollium river and request to be favored with your opinion thereon.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collr

Madura
11th July 1838

No. 378

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Department of Public Works

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an Estimate required to Complete 37 Ploughs of the 40, supplied by the Porto Novo Company thro' the Principal Collector of South Arcot, in February last, and request you will procure me the Sanction of Government for Rupees 185.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collr

Madura
20th July 1838

No 373 157 94

To The Civil Engineer - 8th Division
Vemboocottah

Sir,

Annexed is copy of a retrenchment against Lieutenant Congreve, which I am directed to recover, and report having credited in my Accounts for the Current Month, to enable me to do which I have the honor to request your immediate assistance

Madura Ramnad } 24th July 1838 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collector

Extract from a letter from the Military Auditor General dated 13th July 1838.

No 334 Lieut. H. Congreve Artillery, Acting 2d. Assistant Civil Engineer 4th Division, draws salary from 21st to 31st January 1838 at rupees 100 per mensem Rupees 36. 12. 0

Admissible for the same period Rupees 35. 7. 9 difference over drawn objectionable Rupees 1. 4. 3.

No 384

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Department of Public Works
Fort St George

Sir

1. Under expectations held out in a letter from me to the Civil Engineer, on the 18th September, the Government were pleased to Sanction in the 22d December, the erection of three bridges between Madura & Mana-Madura, a distance of 30 Miles on the great road thro' Ramnad to the Coast at Devepatam and I have now the honor to inform you those expectations have been entirely fulfilled and the Sanctioned works, which will in time be reported upon by the Civil Engineer, completed. The whole of the road, too, has been put into pretty efficient order, and the inclosed list A will shew the particulars of

The enclosures lists A & B is kept in record

of Masonry works completed, and in red ink, the channels still requiring to be bridged, but which it is yet doubtful if the expense will not exceed the proposed convenience -

2 The Masonry works for five Miles on each side of the Fort of Ramnad, sanctioned at the same time, have also been completed, and remain also to be hereafter reported upon by the Civil Engineer; and tho' the road there is also a little improved, the short time I was enabled to take advantage of Convict labor has prevented the improvement being carried at all far enough:- from Mana Madura thro' Ramnad to Daveepatam, a distance of about 50 Miles, are required 23 Bridges, 4 Sluices, 17 large tunnels, and a considerable number of small ones:- Of these, only 14 bridges, 2 large & 9 small tunnels have been completed, or are in progress, and I am doubtful if I shall be able to finish the whole in less than 12 Months more.

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See List B.

3 I have grounds to believe the Manager of Ramnad will immediately undertake the works required within his Zemindary as far as the fort of Ramnad:- I would beg the Board to observe what has been done by private subscription, and the aid of Government, in the Shevagunga Zemindary, and I would then urge them to sanction my immediate building of the works still required in the Jomaneswaram Talook from the funds of that Zemindary - the road being there interrupted by channels fertilizing that Zemindary alone - The Peshkush for last year has been collected in full - a part of the surplus is being applied to works of irrigation - & there will still be a surplus appropriable to the liquidation of arrears -

N. B. It should also be recollected that 50 miles of the Trunk road under progress at the expense of Governt. runs thro' this Zemindary

The 4 bridges 4 Sluices & 5 Tunnels, for which I

request

request sanction, you will observe, an Estimated at
Rupees 939.

4. I would beg the Board to take into consi:deration the propriety of Consulting Col. Monteith regarding the Continuation of the works at Paumbon with a view to the transfer to my temporary charge of the 100 Convicts (deducting casualties) at present employed there, at Ramnad, where I beg to remind you there is a sufficient Jail, & the services of a superior native practitioner would be procurable on payment of head money

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura 30th July 1838.

No. 393

To The Civil Engineer 8th Division
Vembooccottay

Sir

1 On the 1st instant I had the honor to receive your letter of the 28th of the preceding month with five Estimates for road work, prepared as promised in your diary for June, and requiring my written concurrence in case I approved of them.

2. As your diary, above alluded to, shews the particular and general causes that make the respecta:bility of that line of Communication desirable, I will not waste time in repeating them, but only express my concurrence in the Correctness of the representation

3 The 1st Est. provides for repair of an extent of miles 19. 1. 70, at an Expense of Rupees 6002. 5. 2, in which however is included the high estimate of Rs. 2986. 12. 11 for a Bridge over the Munjenar; and a small one of Rupees 233. 2. 3. –

The 2nd Est. is a Continuation of the same line, to an extent of Miles 14. 1. 20, at an Expense of Rs. 5749. 10. 6, but this also includes the large amount of Rs. 4651. 2. 4, for a single bridge over the Kodavanar; and completes the road to the point where the improvements betwixt Dindegul and Madura and Nellacottay have already been

been made. but I do not see that any provision is here made from Dindigul to that point of the Dindigul and Pylny road, where it is met from Cunnewady, near Oopalaputty.

3. The 3^d Estimate provides for the perfection of the Andipatty pass, a distance of miles 3. 2. 80, at an Expense of Rupees 995. 8. 0, the immance convenience which has been derived from opening this communication between Tinnevelly and the Dindigul Valley has been recently proved by me to the Board in the return of passers and repassers frequenting it.

The 5th Est. is for the repair of Miles 10. 2. 0, at the moderate expense of Rupees 1146. 6. 0, which will insure a full measure of benefit by greatly adding to the utility of the Andipatty pass, in facilitating the Communication with the Cusbah town of Paracolum; & its other two diverging lines may be taken into consideration at some future period.

4. The 4th Est. of Rupees 6330. 6. 5. is for a single bridge opening the immediate approach of the Pylney and other roads abutting in the Valley into the Cusbah of Paracolum. It is no doubt highly desirable and both as an ornament and Convenience would be the means of raising an ambition amongst the people for others in similar places. but I would not at present press this upon the Government, as I think the money might be laid out to much greater advantage in other lines of road, which still remain for future care.

5. Of the sufficiency of the Estimates for the purpose sought you are of course the judge, as to the very great desirableness of the undertaking I can speak without hesitation. That the bridges noted in Estimates 1 & 2 are almost indispensible I am also aware, and without them the works will be most imperfect. yet should the Government unfortunately hesitate to give them sanction, on the plea of expense, still I would urgently advocate the repairs, and leave the bridge unexecuted

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for another year, or till the means at disposal of Govt. are more abundant—

I have the honor to return all the Estimates and plans, so that as little delay may be incurred as possible, tho' I have no means at present at hand for getting copies of the latter. If you can gets the drafts in your Office copied & forwarded me, I shall be happy in reimbursing the man whatever you may agree for—

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin'l Collr.

Madura 4th Augt 1838.

No 397

To The Civil Engineer 8th Division
Vrimboocottay

Sir,

On the 6th June I had the honor to forward you an Estimate for the Pundi road to the Amount of Rupees 15,555. being in part renewal of the unexpended Estimate, sanctioned on the 30th November 1836, and in greater part a new and additional one; and on the 28th April preceding I explained to you that I was continuing the works on both these Estimates because of the necessity to take advantage of the favorable moments—

A renewed sanction for the unexecuted work of the original sanction was given on the 24th Ultimo, and by the accompanying abstract you will see how nearly the whole of that sum is expended—

You will recollect how slowly this work progressed in 1837; & I beg leave to add that I had exceeding trouble in getting that little done; Maistries & accustomed workmen are now in employ and a great willingness to Co-operate with me, and urge on the work, is evinced by the Talook authorities and the people:- The advantages & convenience arising from the work are evident, but altogether insufficient in its present state, and I would strongly urge proceeding

proceeding with it without interruption -

Some of the unsanctioned Estimate was so imperatively called for, that I found it desirable to perform a small part of it in anticipation of sanction being given, and as the present showery weather is very favorable to the construction of the road, I hope you will be able to procure me early instructions for my guidance -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin'l Coll'r

Madura 9 August
1838

No. 398

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Department of Public works
Fort St. George

Sir,

The accompanying Statement No. 1 will give you the information required by your letter of the 2nd, recd. on the 7th Ult., as to the expected advantage from the Chinna Mooliar project in the vicinity of the work, but as I am quite uncertain what quantity of water may, by its means, be introduced into the Vighey, whether to swell its usual supplies, or afford others at periods of drought, I must necessarily hesitate to offer any memo. of expected increase of revenue from the lands lower down - It should be kept in mind, however, the great probability that in addition to the decrease in the vicinity there will be a strong security against decrease by Remissions for withered Crops in future -

Statement No. 2 shews the great increase required for carrying on the work above the Estimate -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin'l Collector

Madura 9th August
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No 407

To The Civil Engineer 8th Division

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your information Copies of an address and its enclosures from the Superintendent of Maramunt. As the works he recommends seem to me to be absolutely necessary I beg your early attention to them. As you will perceive by the papers that it is feared an annual loss of 2000 Rupees will occur to the revenue of the Oottum polliam Village.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collector

Madura Coonnacoody 17th Augt 1838.

No 412

To Captn C. E. Faber Civil Engr 8th Division

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Extract of Register of Deposits in the Government Savings Bank, made in your Department for August, & request you will be good enough to return it to me, with your signature, for transmission to the Accountant General. The Book is herewith returned duly receipted.

Madura Coonnacoody 21st August 1838

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collector

No 416

To The Civil Engineer 8th Division
Trinboocottay

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 22nd instant I request you will be so good as to give your attention to the work referred to in mine of the 17th at your earliest convenience, after entering this Collectorate, as I should like to have your opinion before undertaking a work which I am of opinion should be classed as Occasional, and especially as it cannot be commenced upon till the end of December, which will allow of plenty of time for procuring the necessary sanction of the Board of Revenue, if it meets your concurrence.

Madura Coonnacoody

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collr

No 423

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Department of public works
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt, on the 23d Instant, of your letter of the 16th, & beg to inform the Board there are no works of the description noted in Circulars of the 15th Febry & 5th March.

As the Civil Engineer intimated to me in a private note that the same information had been required from him, and that he had answered it in the negative as far as this Collectorate was concerned, I was of opinion no answer was necessary from me to the Board, any more than to a public letter from that officer of the 23d February, forwarding Copy of the form and requiring the same information.

Madura Cormacoody }
27th August 1838 }
(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No 424

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue in the
Department of public works
Fort St George

Sir,

Under date the 22 February the Government were pleased to sanction the erection of three Talook cut=:cherries in the Shevagunga Zemindary, at an expense of Rupees 362-14-9 each. I have the honor to request you will procure me sanction for another at Parthepanellore at the same rate. I did not apply for it in my Estimate of the 5th last October because I was not sure that I might not be able to select a more centrical place, where some choultry or other Zemindary building might be appropriated. The place in which the cuchery has hitherto been held is a chettrum belonging to a private individual, who now earnestly intreats its evacuation, and which will be instantly complied with. Under similar circumstances, a 5th Cucherry may, hereafter, be applied for for the Oyamon=:eswaram Ameen, but for the present may be

dispensed

dispensed with -

Madura Coonnacoody } (Signed) J. Blackburne 195
27th August 1838 } Princl Collector 98

No 425.

To. The Civil Engineer 8th Division
Vemboocottay

Sir,

1. I have the honor to forward a plan & Estimate, prepared by Surveyor Martin, for four choultries & Cattle sheds, amounting to Rupees 412. 4. 0, proposed to be erected on the hill route from Pareacolum and Davadanapatty to Pylney, the reasons for which such expenditure was desirable being very fully detailed in my letter of the 26th June 1837 to the Board of Revenue, and request you will be so good as to submit it early for the consideration of Government

The enclosed Plan and Estimate is kept in record

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2. Mr Martins Estimate for the repair of the Hill roads amounts to rupees 63,965. 13. 9; and as I cannot hope to remain long enough in the country to see the work Completed, and as I know not the wishes of Government with respect to their improvement, I forbear to recommend any attention, but shall direct the valuable plan of the survey to be retained in the Office for any future Collector's consideration - I beg leave to observe the hire of plasterers and Thachers must be encreased from 2 to 4 Anas each; and tho' I do not approve of Thatching, which is liable to early distruction from weather & fire, I cannot recommend tiles from the great expense it would entail -

Madura Coonnacoody } (Signed) J. Blackburne
27th August 1838 } Principal Collector

No 448.

To The Civil Engineer 8th Division
Vembacottay

Sir

Having promised the Civil Auditor

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in my reply to his objections to communicate as early as possible your answer to my letter of the 19th Ult.- I take the liberty of requesting your attention to it -

Madura 17th Septr 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl Collector

No 452

To The Civil Engineer - 8th Division

Sir

I have the honor to transmit an address and its enclosure, with translate, from the Superintendent of Maramnut, for your consideration, and would wish it to be had in readiness to incorporate with my general Estimates for Occasional works for 1839, which I hope to enable you to submit before the end of this year that I may commence upon them in January, which is the proper season -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl Collector

Madura Tirpavanom 18th September 1838.

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No 470

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue in the Departt of Public works
Fort St George

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant, I have the honor to state that as the rates in the Shevagungo Zemindary have been fixed every where alike, I did not think it necessary to forward a separate Estimate for Erecting a Talook Cutcherry at Parthepanellore, as the Plan was the same as for those already sanctioned. I now beg to forward a detailed Estimate for Rupees 362.14.9 -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Madura 24th Septr 1838

No 470

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue in the Department of Public works
Fort St George

Sir,

In reference to the minutes of

Consultation of the 4th instant accompanying the Board's order of the 10th (this day received), I have the honor to request you will inform me if the Estimates required are for replacing the arched roofs of the bombproof Bungalows by thatch; or, for covering the whole bungalows with pent roofs thatched & raised on Masonry pillars, (no timber sufficiently lofty can be procured here); or for a thatch to be raised over the Bungalows on props fixed on the tops of the Bungalows

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin^l Coll^r

Madura 26th Septr 1838

No 477

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Dept of Public works — Fort St George

Sir,

I have just had the honor to receive your letter of the 26th instant, requiring my opinion as to the amount requisite per annum for keeping in repair "made roads." When the same information was required from Civil Engineers I considered the question, and am of opinion 1 rupee per mile per mensem would be sufficient as a general rule. but made roads are of such great variety that I conceive in some 1 rupee per mile per annum would be sufficient. I cannot recommend either an Establishment constantly on the move (which has failed with me on trial) nor contract. I would recommend a maximum being placed at the discretion of the Collector as by far the most economical means. The 700 Rupees per annum left at my discretion has produced more benefit in the Collectorate than has been derived from any other sum similarly expended upon [illegible] of any description. This conviction of mine seems incapable of proof to a distant authority —

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin^l Collector

Madura 26th Sept^r
1838.

No. 479

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Depart. of public Works
Fort St George

Sir

1. I have the honor to forward Estimates for the five bridges in Shevagunga in detail, as required by your letter of the 20th received yesterday. -

2 If a retransfer of Convicts to Paumbon is contemplated, I would suggest the partial openings in the Fort walls of Madura would be more economically performed by hired labourers than by their means, as, the distance from Paumbon to Ramnad is 30 miles thence to Madura 72, total 102, back to Paumbon 102 - Total 204 - which would be a direct ~~loss of~~ labor for from 21 to 25 days - exposure to loss from sickness in travelling during the Monsoon - to fear of escape and to charge for batta. -

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Madura 26th September 1838. } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prin. Collector

No. 481

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Depart. of public works
Fort St George

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 24th Ulto., received late at night of the 30th, remarking upon my omission to answer the last part of your letter of the 2d. July, & desiring, at my earliest convenience, information if the Wudders alluded to cannot be persuaded to lower their demand, I beg you will be so good as to point out to the Board of Revenue the annexed Copy of the remark to Statement No. 2 of the 9 August, shewing the rates of payment requisite, accompanying my letter of the same date, in answer to yours of the 2d July, and also to bring to their notice that Wudders, properly so called, are not procurable in this Collectorate, and that consequently the work must be performed thro' the ordinary agricul:

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" In consequence of the Extreme distance
" of 27 Kadums the materials have to be Carried, and the unhealthy
" State of the hills workmen will not consent to undertake
" the work at a less rate" -

Madura 2d October 1838 - (Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 490

To Captain C E Faber - Civil Engineer
8th Division

Sir,

The enclosure is in record

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I have the honor to forward Extract of Register of Deposits in the Government Savings Bank made in your Department for October, & request you will be good enough to return it to me with your signature, for transmission to the Accountant General - The Book is herewith returned duly receipted - (Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collector

Madura 8th October 1838

No. 501

To the Civil Engineer - 8th Division
Madura

Sir,

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I have the honor to beg your attention to my letter of the 26th June, begging your recovery of a retrenchmt. entered against your assistant, Lieutenant Congreve, to enable me to satisfy the Accountant General -

Madura 13th October 1838 (Signed) J Blackburne
P. Collr.

No. 511

To The Civil Engineer - 8th Division
Madura

Sir,

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I have the honor to request you will prepare me an Estimate for the efficient drainage & carrying off of all impurities that may accumulate within the walls of the Fort of Madura, with reference to its preservation from Cholera -

(Signed) J Blackburne
P. Collector

Thoveramcurichy
23d October 1838

No 512

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Department of public works
Fort St. George

Sir

1 You are aware that for some years much of my attention has been given to Murammut works of various descriptions, and I therefore venture to observe that the loss of time and waste of labor is great from insufficiency in Number, and quality, of working tools, and from want of useful aid in wheel carriages.

2 Understanding the Acting Judge has received Authority for the location of a body (70) of Convicts at a place 4 miles from the Jail, on the road from Madura to Tinnevelly, I would, therefore, earnestly recommend that I may be permitted to hire 4 Bandies with bullocks & drivers at the rate of 10 Rupees a Month, to be placed at the disposition of the Acting Judge, so long as the party can be detained at Thirparagoontum, the place selected for their location. And meantime I would beg sanction for building four carts with boarded sides & bottoms, which are enabled to discharge their load by withdrawing a bolt and turning up from the axle, of the description of "Scavengers Carts." The Cost of each would be from 20 to 30 Rupees, but if sanction were given I would take care it should not exceed the fair and just price for a strong & light cart. It must be borne in mind these carts are not required for one solitary work but would be in constant requisition with hired bullocks, & the want of which are now constantly felt, as the Carts of the Country are ill adapted from their open build for conveyance of gravel mud or sand

Madura Thoocramcutchee
24th October 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin'l Collector

No 513 201 101

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue in the Depart of public works
Fort St George

Sir,

1 I have just had the honor to receive your Communication of the 18th instant, with its inclosures, respecting the employ of sappers (whom I did not ask for from considering how expensive an arm it was to employ on simple road raising) and Convicts, at Ramnad; and Calling for a report, as early as practicable, on the number of openings I proposed making on the fort walls, and probable cost of the same by hired labourers.

2 As soon as I understood the Government's wishes I used all the accidental means at my Command, and soon laid open the Trichinopoly entrance into the fort; and am now engaged in slowly laying open that to Ramnad, and on my suggestion to the Acting Judge he immediately took advantage of a festival that prevented him sending prisoners to a distance, and I learn this gateway will be well thrown open in a week.—

3 The late Acting Judge, Mr Arbuthnot, has shewn, & the present Acting Judge, Mr Elliot, now shews so much judgement and interest in the making of roads and avenues, & so ready a disposition to co-operate with me that I doubt not in a very short time to have six great openings in the walls opposite the present gate-ways, where the principle streets abut, and the work shall afterwards be continued at greater leisure, in the same way, without any new expense, if Government were pleased to adopt the suggestion; the Judge has, I believe, power to withdraw Convicts from indoor employ, if he thinks it desirable, by which he can to a certain degree increase the number of workmen at pleasure.

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4 On Circuit I have not the means at hand of affording you an Estimate by hired laborers for the work I propose - but if you will divide Captain Faber's estimate for 15000 Rupees for the whole fort, the Circumference of which is I think given, by the extent to which the Government direct the Six (or more as they please) openings should be made, a product will be readily found.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl Collector.

Madura Thoovaramcurchy
24th October 1838

No 518

To The Civil Engineer - 8th Division

Sir, In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 15th Current I have the honor to forward a list of works in my Collectorate requested.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura Thovaramcurchy
24th October 1838.

No 519

To The Civil Engineer - 8th Division - Madura

Sir, In reply to your letter of yesterday I have the honor to inform you I have no plan of the Fort of Madura or its environs.

You must rely on your own knowledge and observation for the means of preparing an Estimate - If in your opinion a supply of water is indispensible you will of course provide for it in your Estimate, either by sinking Wells within the Fort itself, or by Carrying it by aqueducts, and Picottahs, or other means, from the bed of the river, or elsewhere as you deem desirable.

The Estimate must be to the amount necessary for efficient drainage, and carrying off of impurities, which last, if you prefer it, may be provided for by inclosures in different parts for public necessaries, either inside or

outside

outside the fort as you prefer.

I think it evident the Estimate should not be made out in the form usual for Occasional expen=diture on "Revenue works" as it has no connexion with such works - but in the forms used by Superintending Engineers, or any other better adapted to a clear exposition of the subject that may suggest itself to your skill and Experience -

(Signed) J Blackburne
P. Collector

Madura Melur 20th
October 1838 -

No 515.

To The Civil Engineer - 8th Division
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you I purpose disbursing 10,000 Rupees for the Ordinary Murammut of Shevagunga next year, being the amount rejected by you last year;-

As in last year the Ordinary Estimates must be sanctioned by the Board of Revenue prior to their being undertaken -

(Signed) J Blackburne
P. Collr

Madura Thooeramcurchy
24th October 1838

No 520.

To The Civil Engineer - 8th Division
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will inform me if Mr Hogg can be permitted to finish the valuable map of channels & roads in which he had made so much progress for me when withdrawn from this Collectorate last year -

(Signed) J Blackburne
P. Collr

Madura
Melur 20th October
1838 -

No 521.

To The Civil Engineer 8th Division
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will at your leisure prepare me an Estimate for the repair of the Tappal route from Kottampatty to Dindigul, a distance of 34 Miles, a road also of much mercantile Convenience, shewing particularly what work is of most immediate importance in the probable event of Government being disinclined to sanction the entire repair -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

Madura Melur
26th October 1838

No 526

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Depart. of public works
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to request you will bring to the notice of the Board of Revenue the continued interruption of progress in the Londi road at the present season, equally favorable in point of weather and in facility of finding labourers - The Estimates were submitted for sanction by the Civil Engineer in, I believe, June -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura 29th October 1838.

No 527

To The Civil Engineer - 8th Division
Madura

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 27th instant I request you will be so good as to put under the head of Ordinary Estimates such as being entered in the rough list I sent you on the 24th as Occasional, have been unnecessarily so done -

The statements of ordinary Estimate have not yet been received - as far as they are ready you can see them

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as you pass thro' any of the Cusbahs of the Talooks; & they shall be forwarded when ready -

Madura 29th October 1838 } (Signed) J Blackburne
P Collr

No 528

To The Civil Engineer - 8th Division
Madura

Sir,

(The Enclosure is in record) D

I have the honor to forward for your information rough translate of a deposition from Thillayappen Amblegar &ca persons of Rauthanoor village, in Thiruvagumputh Talook of the assumed Zemindary of Shevagunga, & will feel obliged by your favoring me with your opinion thereon -

Madura 29th Octr 1838 (Signed) J Blackburne
P Collr

No 529

To The Civil Engineer - 8th Division
Madura

Sir

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I have the honor to return your Abstract for last Month as a Corresponding one was received from the Collector of Tinnevelly on the 1st instant, from whom it appears you have already drawn the Amount exclusive of Mr Hogg's allowances, & whose receipt also was received on the 5th for adjustment in my Accounts -

Madura 29th Octr 1838 (Signed) J Blackburne
P Collr

No 530

To The Civil Engineer - 8th Division
Madura

Sir

(The Enclosure is kept in record) D

I have the honor to enclose an Extract from the Reaudit of my Accounts for Fusly 1246, & request your early reply thereto -

(Signed) J Blackburne
P Collr

Madura 30th October 1838

No 538

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue in the Departt of public works -

Sir

I have the honor to request you will beg the

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Board's consideration of my letter of the 29th June, and obtain their sanction for the repair of the Tank in Poolcacoundenputty therein referred to; and I trust the advanced period of the season may be my excuse for pressing the subject on their consideration

Madura 30th Octr. 1838. (Signed) J Blackburne P. Collr.

No. 539

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue in the Departt. of public works Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an Extract from the reaudit of my Accounts for Fusly 1246, together with Copy of a letter from the Acting Joint Criminal Judge of Cuddalore, dated 28th June 1837, for the Cost of Rupees 130. for 2 Looms &c. prepared by him; also an Account particular for a further sum of Rupees 270, incurred for 4 Looms &ca. under my Superintendence in Fusly 1247 is herewith forwarded, both of these sums are the amount sanctioned by Government on the 31st March 1837, and as the Civil Auditor requires separate sanction for the actual charges, I request you will be good enough to obtain me the same

(Signed) J Blackburne Pl. Collector

Madura 30th October 1838.

The Inclosure is kept the Recor[ds]

No. 542

To The Civil Engineer - 8th Division

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an Occasional rough Estimate, prepared by the Tahsildar of Iyampully, for rebuilding an Annicut &ca. over the Varataur nuddy, in the limits of Tenpalang, and request you will be good enough to favor me with your opinion; & whether the project may be included in the Occasional Estimate for 1839-

(Signed) J Blackburne P. Collr.

Madura 31st Octr. 1838

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No. 554

To the Civil Engineer 8th Division

Sir,

I have the honor to annex a memo: originating from the re audit of my accounts for Fusly 1246, as it appears assistant surveyor Williams's pay for May 1837 was drawn by himself on his separate receipt from the Principal Collector of Malabar, as well as by you; I request you will, therefore, be good enough to return me the Rupees 108-12 - included in rupees 335-1-4, which was drawn by you from the Collector of Tinnevelly, by a Bill granted on the 6th June -

Madura 9th Novr. 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Memo: of the Civil Engineer - No date but received on the 5th June 1837 -

Of the amount of the Civil Engineers abstracts for May 1837		620-14-8
Paid to Mr. Hogg on his separate receipt	177. 5. 4.	
Paid to Mr. Burby on account of Civil Engineer's writer	52. 8. -	
	229-13-4.	
Bill on the Principal Collector of Coimbatore in favor of J. D. Drury Esqr. on account of pay Tungamoottoo Maistry	56. - -	
Bill on the Collector of Tinnevelly dated 6th June 1837	335. 1. 4.	620-14-8

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

No. 561.

To the Civil Engineer 8th Division Madura

Sir, I have the honor to forward for your consideration a rough translate of an address from the Tasildar of Melur, dated 7th instant -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
12th Novr. 1838.

No 562 -

To the Civil Engineer 8th Division

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a statement of works prepared according to the form forwarded with your letter of the 24th Ultimo. -

Madura 13th Novr 1838 - (Signed) I. Blackburne P. Collr

No 572

To the Civil Engineer 8th Division

Sir,

Excuse my thus early requesting an answer to my letter of the 9th instant, regarding the retrenchment against Assistant Surveyor Williams, under the supposition that the accounts are at hand in your office, as the want of it detains my answer to the reaudit for Fusly 1246 -

(Signed) I. Blackburne Princl Collector

Madura
17th November
1838

No 576

To The Civil Engineer - 8th Division
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an Account particular for Rupees 1971-7-1, incurred in constructing and repairing Cutcherries &ca in the Districts of Madura and Dindigul, in Fusly 1247; and request the necessary sanction of Government may be obtained -

Madura 23 Nov. 1838 (Signed) I. Blackburne Pl Collr

No 580

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue in the Departt of public works
Fort St George

Sir

I had yesterday the honor to receive your letter

letter of the 15th Instant. -

2. - I conceive I have fully realized the anticipations held out in my letter of the 14th May 1836, in as much as a considerable portion of work has been performed in the mode there specified - but had I not been under a kind of necessity to work at unseasonable times, & had I not had to contend with adverse seasons, first drought in which the difficulty of cutting the ground was exceedingly great, then unseasonably and very unusually heavy rains, which greatly injured all that had been performed by perseverance and care, a great deal more would have been done -

3. - This same requisition to perform fully tank repairs within a given short period of time has equally embarrassed me in the ordinary works for Shevagunga - I asked sanction to expend 1½ lacs of Rs. in 3 or 5 years - Had it been granted the work would have been completed & well completed - Sanction was received in the month of June for 51,236 Rupees to be performed within the end of the year; and when I shall report in due season, the amount left undone I fear greatly I shall be censured for not having completed what I undertook, or rather what was put upon me; for in this instance I was restricted to certain tanks, some of which I could not commence upon till a more advanced period, and some I have not been able to commence upon at all - whilst many of these I was prohibited from working at would have been completed weeks ago.

4. - In the same way road work, interrupted for

for want of Sanction, or required to be done within so short a period as to prevent the Collector applying the means granted him to the best advantage, has caused a greater outlay than would have been necessary had a greater latitude been allowed me.

5. The inclosed statement will shew an approximation to the amount of damage done by the heavy rains alluded to; & I hope the Board will not persist in requiring me to explain the causes of an Estimate which I did not make being inadequate:- tho' I think the general causes of Estimates being inadequate are sufficiently clear to all who have ever been engaged in such labors.

6. I take the liberty of reporting the high advantage already derived to the Collectorate from the opening of the Tondi road even in its present far from perfect state. The advantages are more felt than capable of demonstration to a distant authority and imperceptibly affect every branch of improvement and of administration.

Madura 24th Novr. 1838 }
Dispatched 27th "

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin'l Collector

No. 626.

To The Civil Engineer
8th Division
Cotampetty

Sir,

I have the honor to remind you of my letter of the 28th April last requesting renewed sanction of what remained to be done of the Works unexecuted under the Occasional Estimate sanctioned in 1836, & request you will do me the favor of obtaining the necessary sanction as early as possible.-

Madura 15th Decr. 1838.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin'l Collr.
&c.

No 636

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To The Civil Engineer - 8th Division

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the few Occasional irrigation Estimates proposed for next year, and would beg to impress upon you the greater stability that may be given the works if sanction be procured in time to enable me to commence them immediately - A similar early sanction for the Occasional Estimates for roads would be equally advantageous in point of economy; in the remarks are entered all particulars that I deem may be required for an understanding of their necessity, and it will be for the Government to consider how far the large Zemindaries should contribute to the roads running thro' them. - I believe you are now engaged in an Estimate for the Tappal & salt route from Cottamputty to Dindegul, which at present seems to me the only other Estimate I shall think it desirable to submit for execution in the approaching year.

Madura Paramagoody } (Signed) J Blackburne
23d December 1838 } Princl Collector

No 640

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Departt of public works
Fort St George

Sir,

1\. In the Company's Ain talooks it is customary to commence the Ordinary Murammut works even before forwarding the Estimates -

2\. In Shevagunga last year the Board, after some correspondence and delay, authorized the disbursement, at first of 10000 & afterwards of 20000 Rupees, before submission of the Estimates. I have been disappointed in my expectations to forward the ordinary

Estimates

Estimates for that Zemindary before now but I trust Confidently they will be dispatched thro' the Civil Engineer, whose diaries will shew how much time and attention he has bestowed on the subject; by the 15th January. - Meantime I would request the Board's sanction for the immediate outlay of 25,000 Rs, or any sum within it they think proper. - I cannot too much regret the time lost in commencing last year, and if the next season is as favorable as the present I have not a doubt of the immediate valuable return from the works to be undertaken. And neglect of the present moment I cannot but consider as an injustice to the estate and especially to the Cultivators

3 It is proper to remind the Board of my Communication of the Zillah Court's precept under date the 21st Instant -

Madura Permagadi
23d December 1838 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prin^l Collector

No. 644.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Departt of Public works
Fort St George

Sir,

1. I have just had the honor to receive Your letter of the 17th instant, with Copy Min. Cou. of the 20th Ulto, and of a letter from the Chief Engineer of the 3d Instant, & calling for my sentiments on the propriety of appointing Mr Wilson to a general superintendence over the Pilots at Paumbon -

2. I had yesterday an opportunity of discussing the subject of the Chief Engineers letter with Lt. Jenkins, in charge of operations at Paumbon, when we came to a conclusion that some rules for the supervision of the Pilots, control of the Port, and regulation of anchorage dues, were imperatively called for; and with the view to a fair

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and full consideration of the subject I should feel greatly obliged by your procuring me Copy of any port rules and ordinances that may be in existence, from the Marine Board, when I trust by the valuable aid of Lt Jenkins, whose thoughts on the subject have, I understand, taken a tolerably mature form, I may be able to offer some proposition that may be satisfactory to the Board –

3 The abuse on the part of the Chaukeydar wanted only to be brought to notice to be remedied, and indeed Mr. Jenkins assured me his threats of bringing such Conduct to my observation had sufficiently had the effect.

4 Ignorant of Mr. Wilsons class of life I know not what renumeration he would expect, & if it might not be more desirable to employ some Indo Briton or Portuguese, who would probably be equal to conduct the duty intrusted to him at a much smaller salary than would be required by an European of education – And I should therefore be glad of any information on this head, and when I make my report I will not fail to maintain the claims and rights of the existing Pilots –

Madura Ramnad }
26th December 1838 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collector.

No. 648

To The Civil Engineer – 8th Division
Madura

Sir,

1 I have the honor to return your Estimate for repair of the Toppal and Salt route from Kottampatty to Dindigul just received, with my earnest wish it may meet the approbation of Government –

2 Your diary for the 17th 18th & 19th of this month affords strong grounds for the recommendation – From its repair I anticipate a slight increase in the sales of Salt, a more abundant and cheap supply to the inland consumers; increased efficiency of the police, less fear of insalubrity from the gradual clearing of the jungle, which will also render it more free from wild Beasts – and with

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these the naturally improving condition of the Ryot.- Nor are these expectations altogether chimerical for they have been verified in the partial improvement of every road hitherto undertaken in this Collectorate.-

3 You are mistaken / see above named diary / in your opinion that this road has hitherto escaped the notice it is so well deserving of:- For the last 3 years attempts have been made to improve it by planting avenues in those (comparatively speaking) few places in which fine avenue trees are wanting, and in sloping the banks of Streams &c. You might have observed that some police huts have recently been raised on this line and preparations making for one or two others & for Runners huts.- And the cause for it's not having been brought at an earlier period to your notice was the much work of this description as well on hand as in contemplation - and in comparison with them of less importance; Indeed it is the improvement in the line from Tondi to Calliarcovil and Shevagunga / unfinished as it has thus long been left / that has so greatly added to the importance of the road now under discussion.-

Madura Cooppoor
30th December 1838

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collector

No. 1.

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To The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir

I have the honor to report that no referred Petitions have been disposed of by me in last month - None remaining to be disposed of

Madura Paumbon
2d January 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 2

To The Secretary to Government
in the Public Department
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the Notification in the Fort Saint George Gazette, Dated 25th August 1835, Page (537) I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the Accountant General for Companys rupees six paid by Panoomachoo Ramasacomey Rajah, District Moonsiff of Paramagoody in Madura, on account of Subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura 24th January 1838

No. 19 Exchange for Company's rupees 6 .. .

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Panoomachoo Ramasacomy Rajah, District Moonsiff of Paramagoody in Madura, the Sum of Companys rupees Six, to be paid at Madras, to the Secretary to Government in the Public Department, I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum of Companys rupees Six to the Secretary to Govt. in the public Department, but not to his order, as Pr. advice from

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura 24th January
1838

No. 3.

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to report that no referred petitions have been disposed of by me in last month. None remaining to be disposed of.

Madura 1st February 1838 (Signed) John Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 4.

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding the Depôt at Cuddalore, and to state that European Pensioner James McDonald, arrived here on the 7th instant; but I am sorry he appears ignorant of the principal art of Warping, a branch which a perfect and skilful weaver should know. He acknowledges he has not learned that branch, but was merely taught the use of the shuttle; and I therefore doubt his Competency to instruct the Natives to any useful purpose. No Notice appears taken of the orders of Government for supplying the place of Pensioner George Ashe. I think one skilful European of sober and steady habits would be sufficient to instruct the Natives with McDonald to aid him.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant.

Madura 16th February 1838. (Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 5.

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To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward translate of an address from Cootty Naicken Vakeel to Apposawmy Naicken, Brother of Coomārasawmy Naicken, a Candean pensioner to the Amount of 17 Pagodas per mensem, and with reference to my letters of the 1st March and 8th September, I beg permission to pay the Arrears, and enter the portion claimed by petitioner in his own name. I am not aware that Coomārasawmy has any objection to Petitioner receiving the share now claimed; and I believe the ground of Complaint that is now carrying him to Columbo is the claim admitted by the Ceylon Government of one Ramasawmy Naicken to a further portion, Comaurasawmy maintaining the illegitimacy of the pretender. The facts as setforth in the petition are correct.

The Enclosure is kept in the [illegible]

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Madura 17th February 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No. 6

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt this day of the two printed Copies and translation of the acts of the Supreme Government forwarded with your letter of the 15th instant.

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Eng: XXVI to XXXVIII of 1837
& I to III of 1838
Tamil IX & XIV of 1837
Mahratta XIV, XVIII, XIX, XXI, XXII, & XXIII of 1837

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Madura 21st February 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No. 7

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir

With reference to my letter of the 17 instant. I have the honor to inform you that on the 21st I rec. an address of the 19th from Comarasawmy Naick praying be allowed to receive his arrears of pension, and stating that he had hitherto been prevented, by sickness, from proceeding to Ceylon, but purposed going there on his recovery.

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Having ascertained, on the 25th the validity of his address, and due execution of the power of attorney, I have directed the disbursement of the money and persume he will not delay to pay his share to Apposawmy Naicken, in the usual manner.

Madura 28th Feby. 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No. 8

To The Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort St. George

Sir,

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...ankiel XVII XVIII & XIX of 1837.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of two printed translations of the Acts of the Supreme Govt., noted in the Margin, which accompanied your letter of the 3d instant.

Madura 7th March 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 9

To the Secretary to Government
in the Public Department
Fort St. George

Sir

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With reference to the Notification in the Fort Saint George Gazette dated 25th August 183

1835 (Page 537) I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the Accountant General for Companys rupees nine, paid by C. Vencatarow, Sheristadar in the Sub Collector's Cutcherry of Madura, on account of subscription to the Fort St George Gazette, -
(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collector
Madura 17th April 1838.

No 21. Exchange for Companys Rupees 9 " "

To the Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

Having received from C. Vencatrow, Sheristadar in the Sub Collectors Cutcherry of Madura, the sum of Companys rupees nine to be paid at Madras to the Secretary to Government in the public Department, I request you will, at sight of this my first Bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum of Companys rupees nine to the Secretary to Government in the public Department, but not to his order, as pr. advice from
Madura 17th April 1838.
(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Hours of acceptance between 10 & 12 A.M. except Holidays

No 10

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

The Circumstances under which an allowance of 14 Rupees a Month was granted by Government, under date 5th June 1829, to the protestant Catechist of this place, having altered, I deem it my duty to bring it to the notice of Government and to offer in excuse for not having done so long before the uncertainty of the Tanjore Mission would continue to maintain an European Minister at this place, the salary being allowed to the Catechist because there was no Minister

Since January 1837 there has been a resident Minister of this Mission stationed here, who never

fails

fails in performing divine service in the Mission Church on Sundays and other holidays — And I beg leave to bring to the Consideration of Government the propriety of withdrawing the small monthly allowance from the Catechist, and Conferring on the Minister the same allowance as is, I believe, given at Tanjore, Trichinopoly and Negapatam; and in the same way, if it would not be proper to make a similar allowance to a Second Missionary of the same persuasion who does duty for a protestant Congregation at Dindigul so long as a Native Regiment is there, & who, in its absence, does similar duty at Ramnad, at which last place also they have a church —

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collector

Madura 17th May 1838.

No 11

Ecclesiastical Department

To
The Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir

I have had the honor to receive Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 29th Ultimo and beg to observe my letter of the 17th of the same month was not meant to carry the impression that the services of the Catechist were no longer necessary, but that an alteration had taken place in the grounds on which the allowance had been granted. I shall therefore take the liberty not to discontinue the allowance till the instructions of Government are repeated

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collr

Madura 2d June 1838.

No 12

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir

I have the honor to report,

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in part obedience to the Endorsement on Petition No 257 of 1838, that the Complainants, there styling themselves Sree Matoo Rany Satoopaty Shevagamy Natchyar Avergul and Sree Matoo Conggyasawmy Satoopaty Rajah Avergul are the Daughter of the late Satoopaty of Ramnad who was deposed & died in Confinement at Madras, & her son by adoption, and that neither have right to the titles they have assumed -

Their present existence unmolested by any one may be taken in proof of the frivolousness of their assumed fears at the time they addressed their Complaint to Government in December last. -

There is no ground of truth in their charges against the Zemindar of Shevagungah & the Polligar of Padmattoor - but it is true they have been dependent on the bounty of the former & his predecessors for a length of years.

Murdoo Shervagaren is the well known rebel of Shevagunga who has long since ceased to live; & the murder alluded to as committed by him is only given as an example to prove to Government what might be the consequence to them of any refusal to order a Guard of Sepoys for their protection

Madura 2d June 1838. } (Signed) J. Blackburne Principal Collector

No 13

To The Secretary to Government Political Department Fort St George

Sir,

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I have just had the honor to receive the instructions of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council on the subject of Mr Anstruther's letter of the 21st Ultimo, inclosing application from Ramasawmy Naick for recovery of a portion of pension which he asserts he had a right to have received from his half Brother, Comarasawmy Naick,

Document returned

pending

pending the determination of the Right Honorable the Governor of Ceylon in his favor that he should receive a fixed portion direct from the Madura treasury without passing thro' the hands of his half Brother.

Under the instructions to decide this question, and report my decision for the information of the Ceylon Government, I have the honor to state that I shall from this month deduct from the pension of Comarasawmy the sum of (one Pagoda 3½ Rupee a Month, and pay it to the petitioner till the amount claimed be recovered.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collr.

Madura 9th June 1838

No. 14.

To the Secretary to Government in the
Public Department
Fort Saint George

Sir

With reference to the Notification in the Fort St George Gazette dated 25th August 1835, Page (537), I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the Accountant General for Company's rupees three, paid by P. Ramasawmy Rajah, District Moonsiff of Paramagoody, on account of subscription to Fort St George Gazette

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collr.

Madura 13th June 1838

No. 5. Exchange for Company's Rupees 3 – "

To the Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

Having received from P. Ramasawmy Rajah, District Moonsiff of Paramagoody, the sum of Company's Rupees three, to be paid, at Madras, to the Secretary to Government in the Public Department, I request you will, at sight of this my first Bill, (the Second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum of Company's Rupees three to the Secretary to Government in the public Department, but not to his order, as ℔ advice from

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collr.

Madura 13th June 1838

Hours of [illegible]
10 to 12 A.M. Holidays
excepted

No 15. 223

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To The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir

In acknowledging the receipt, this day, of an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 26th instant, I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that no calumnious petition against Mr. Hooper was ever forwarded to me for investigation or report; but such an one, bearing five or 7 signatures, was sent to me by the private secretary to the late Governor in about June 1834 directing me to ascertain & report if there were in reality such persons in existence as those whose names were affixed to the calumny -

I answered by return of post with proof to shew the letter in question had been sent to the post office by the Ex Sheristadar of the Court, recently dismissed for fraud &c by Mr. Hooper; Having, as I thought, sufficiently shewn the Petition originated in malice and revenge, I did not think it necessary to answer the question directly put to me -

In reply the private Secretary informed me I was required to answer the particular question put to me, & not to have given the information that I had volunteered -

I hastened to amend my error - returning the petition with information that some of the signatures were not genuine, and that the other persons named in it were absent -

The above correspondence was never put on record, and I make this report from memory, because I do not know where to look for the letters received from the private Secretary, or for copies of my answers, the which I am not at all sure that I kept -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin^l Coll^r

Madura 24th June 1838

No. 17

To The Secretary to Government in the
Public Department
Fort St George

Sir

With reference to the Notification in the Fort Saint George Gazette, dated 25th August 1835, (Page 537) I have the honor to transmit a Bill, on the Accountant General, for Compa. Rupees three paid by P. Ramasawmy Rajah, District Moonsiff of Permagoody, on account of Subscription to the Fort Saint George Gazette

Madura 8th August 1838 (Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collector

No. 7 Exchange for Company's Rupees 3 " "

To the Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir

Having received from P. Ramasawmy Rajah, District Moonsiff of Permagoody, the Sum of Compys Rupees three, to be paid, at Madras, to the Secretary to Govt. in the public Department, I request you will, at sight of this my first Bill, (the second of the same tenor & date not being paid), pay the said Sum of Companys Rupees three to the Secretary to Government in the public Department, but not to his order, as p advice from

Madura 8th August 1838 (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collector

Hours of acceptance between 10 & 12 a. m. Holidays excepted

No. 18

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of two printed Copies and Translations of the Acts of the Supreme Government, as noted in the Margin, forwarded with your letter of the 14th instant

Regn. IX of 1838 & Index for 1836 & 37 & [illegible] XXI to XXIII of 1837 & Acts XXX XXX & XXXIII to XXXVI of 1837.

Madura Coonnacoody &c
27th August 1838 (Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collr.

No. 19

To The Chief Secretary to Government.
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to report that no referred Petitions have been disposed of by me in last month, none remaining to be disposed of (Signed) J Blackburne
Madura Trivapumbut 6th Sept 1838. Princl Collr.

English X to XVI of 1838
Tamil XXX to XXXVI of 1837
[illegible] XXXII of 1837

No. 20.

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th on the 18th instant, with two printed Copies and Translations of the Acts of the Supreme Government, as noted in the Margin.—

Madura Tirpavanom
21st September 1838

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 21

To The Secretary to Government in the Public Depart.t Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the Notification in the Fort Saint George Gazette, dated 25th August 1835, (Page 537) I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the Accountant General for Comp.y Rupees three, paid by P. Ramasawmy Rajah, District Moonsiff of Permagoodey, on account of subscription to the Fort Saint George Gazette.—

Madura 12th Octr. 1838.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 14 Exchange for Compa. Rupees 3 " "

To the Accountant General Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Punnamachoo Ramasawmy Rajah, District Moonsiff of Permagoodey, the Sum of Compa. Rupees three, to be paid, at Madras, to the Secretary to Government, in the Public Department, I request you will, at sight of this my first Bill, (the Second of the same tenor & date not being paid) pay the said sum of Compa. Rupees three to the Secretary to Government, in the public Departt. but not to his order, as pr. advice from

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Madura 12th
October 1838

Hours of acceptance between 10 & 12
A.M. Holidays excepted

No. 22

To the Secretary to Government in the public Depart.t Fort St. George

Sir

In returning Petition No. 474 of 1838 I have the honor to state I have no objection to offer to Naugamal's drawing her own portion of pension at Trichinopoly; but as in the course of the present enquiry I learn from Letchmee Ummal, of Ramnad, the widow of Narrainsawmey, that Chinnamal, the Petitioner's Mother, is dead, I have directed her portion of Allowance to be stopped till she makes her appearance before me, of which I have given the petitioner due notice; and if on investigation it appears the petitioner is endeavoring to practise a fraud, the Government may hereafter be induced, in punishment, to direct the entire with-holding of her own allowance also - If the petition is fraudulent there is probability the investigation cannot be completed for 3 weeks or a month, which makes me determine to offer any Report in the present unfinished state

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Madura Coilputty 22d Octr 1838 (Signed) J. Blackburne P.l Collector

No. 23

To The Secretary to Govt. in the Revenue & Judicial Department Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the Revenue and Magisterial oaths, sworn to, and subscribed, before me, by Mr. Irvine, Acting Head Assistant Collector & Magistrate -

D

Madura 30th October 1838 (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Collr & Magte.

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No. 24

To the Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

Judicial Dept. Engh XVII to XXIII of 1838. Tamil III & XII of do. Mahratta XVII of 1837 & III & XII of 1838.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the two printed Copies & translations of the acts noted in the Margin, forwarded with your letter of the 30th Ultimo.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura 6th November 1838.

No. 25 Political Department

To
The Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the Government Petition No. 474 of 1838, my past report upon it, under date the 22d October last, & the Minutes of Consultation of the 30th of the same Month, I have the honor to report that in the list of allowances, to Candian Prisoners, transferred by the Criminal Judge to the Magistrate in 1816, is entered the name of Nauranen as entitled to a daily subsistence of 2¾ Measures of Rice, & 8 Madras fanams, for himself & relatives, specified as a Male Child, a Female & a Female Child; & these appear from the pay accounts to have been named Ramasamy Chinammal & Nagammal, & the four seem to have received in the following portions.

	Meas. of Rice	Ready Money
Nauranen	¾	6 M. F.
Ramasamy	½	½
Chinammal	1	1
Nagammal	½	½
Total	2¾	8

Nauranen died on the 3d June 1832, & tho' the dates on which Ramasamy & Chinnammal died are not known, the deaths themselves were reported on the 9th August of the same years, & by an order of the late Prinl. Collr., under date the 28th Septr., the allowances were reduced and distributed in the following manner.

	Meas. of Rice	M. F.
Letchimee ammal widow of Nauranen	1¾	3½
Nagammal daughter of Chinammal	½	½
	2¼	4

I know not how far the late Prinl. Collr. was justified in

the above distribution without the specific approbation of Government; but as the original subsistence has been considerably reduced, and no fraud is apparent on the part of Nagammal, I beg to recommend its continuance, as it now stands, notwithstanding the wishes of the Ceylon Government under date the 10th April 1834 for the early reduction of the charge; and allowing them to lapse on the decease of the parties respectively and that Nagammal be allowed to draw her portion as prayed for in the Petition, at Trichinopoly.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 12th Decr. 1838.-

No. 26

To
The Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copies of 3 documents produced by Vencatachellum, late private of the Ceylon Rifle Regiment, and to state that his pension for November has been, this day, paid him from this Treasury and would beg to know if in future I ought to await the orders of Government before making disbursements under similar authority.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 13th Decr. 1838.-

No. 4.

To the Acting Civil Auditor.
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to return the duplicate Bills of the Military Paymaster Southern Divn., returned with your letter of the 22d. Ultimo, as they require no correction -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura Paumbon 2d. Jany. 1838.

No. 15.

To the Acting Civil Auditor - Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from the Sub Collector, announcing his approaching departure from Dindigul, which, I learn subsequently, took place on the 5th instant. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura Mondi 11th. Jany. 1838.

No. 34.

To the Acting Civil Auditor Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the Abstract duly corrected as requested by your letter of the 9th instant -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura 22d. Jany. 1838.

No. 39.

To the Acting Civil Auditor Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you Mr. T. Harris, the Acting Head Assistant Collector, quitted the district on the 20th instant, in anticipation of leave of absence on sick Certificate -

(Signed) J. W. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura 24th. Jany. 1838.

No. 88.

To the Acting Civil Auditor Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the explanation of the reaudit of my Accounts for Fusly 1245, forwarded with my letter of the 7th October last, I have the honor to forward Copy of the sanction of the Board of Revenue to the objectionable Charge

No. 46, of the Civil Engineers department -
Madura 19th Feby 1838 - /Signed/ J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

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To the Acting Civil Auditor - Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the statements of Collections on account of Native fund in this Collectorate, together with an Abstract shewing the difference between the amount of the former and present Accounts, and also a statement, as required in the 2nd Para of your letter of the 25 of last September, respecting the false debits; and a statement of the Ramnad district for the year 1808/9: in the latter statement I am sorry to say I have no clue to the names of the peons and Hircarahs, 51 in Number, in that department - D

Madura Seradumkanil 23rd March 1838 /Signed/ J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 170.

To the Civil Auditor Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the Correspondence noted below and request your instructions - D

Madura 4th April 1838. /Signed/ J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Letter from Civil Auditor -
do Collector of Trichinopoly
To do do
From Accountant General with enclosure -
To do do
From Collector of Trichinopoly with Mr Harris' Bills in duplicate -

No. 173.

To the Civil Auditor Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you Mr Davidson took charge of the Office of the Sub Collector of Madura on the 7th instant - /Signed/ J. Blackburne D

Madura 9th April 1838. P. Coll.

No. 176

To the Civil Auditor Fort St George

Sir,

A reference to my letter of the 23rd December will shew you the Journal called for in yours of the 5th, received on the 12th instant, was forwarded to you on that day - Should it not be forthcoming I shall be happy to forward you another copy without a day's delay - D

Madura 14th April 1838 - /Signed/ J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

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No. 188.

To the Civil Auditor Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copies of adjustment and closing Entries for last year, and opening Entries for the present, and request you will affix the former to my Journal for the past official year, and prefix the latter, to my Journal for May last -

D

Madura 25th April 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

No. 201.

To the Civil Auditor - Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the Journal for October last as requested in your letter of the 20th instant, received yesterday - (Signed) J Blackburne

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Madura 28th April 1838 -

P. Coll.

No. 205

To the Civil Auditor - Fort St. George

Sir, I have the honor to inform you Mr. T. M. Goodwyn, Head Assistant Collector, arrived here yesterday -

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Madura 30th April 1838 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 206.

To the Civil Auditor - Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a statement of Charges incurred for rupees 230 - 6 - 8, in remitting 200,000 Company's rupees to the General treasury at the Presidency, on the 2d. October 1837, and request the necessary sanction of Government may be obtained for the same -

D

The Certificate taken from the officer escorting treasure is herewith inclosed - (Signed) J. Blackburne

Madura 1st May 1838 -

P. Coll.

No. 257.

To the Civil Auditor - Fort St. George

Sir,

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In reference to my letter of the 30th Ultimo, I have the honor to inform you Mr. Goodwyn's joining

the Office was confined to his report of arrival and he left Madura on the 3rd instant - (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.
Madura 17th May 1838 -

No. 261.

To the Civil Auditor Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward duplicate receipt of the Military Paymaster Southern Division Trichinopoly dated 27th March for rupees 131-13-9 as entered in the Account Current of that officer for April and forwarded with the Monthly Accounts - (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.
Madura 19th May 1838 -

No. 332.

To the Civil Auditor Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Principal Collector of Coimbatore, in a letter of the 25th instt., intimate to me that he has recovered from Mr. Harris rupees 225-12, alluded to in your letter of the 19th ultimo, and has given me credit for it in his Accounts for the current month. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.
Madura 30th June 1838 -

No. 342.

To the Civil Auditor Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Acting Sub Collector in Charge of Coimbatore, in a letter of the 4th Instant, intimates to me that he has recovered from Mr. Harris Rupees 162-12-", alluded to in your Letter of the 20th April last, and has given me credit on it in his accounts for last month. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.
Madura
9th July 1838.

No. 377.

To the Civil Auditor Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a statement of Charges, incurred for Rupees 617-10-10 in remitting 500000 Company's rupees to the General treasury, at the Presidency, on the 14th March 1838, and request the necessary sanction of Government may

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be obtained for the same.

The certificate taken from the officer escorting treasure is herewith enclosed.

Madura 30th July 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 387

To the Civil Auditor Fort St. George

Sir,

D I have the honor to forward duplicate draft of the Military Paymaster, Southern Division, dated 21st May 1838, for rupees 190, as entered in the Account Current of that officer for June, and forwarded with the monthly accounts.

Madura 31st July 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Coll.

No. 442

To the Civil Auditor - Fort St. George

Sir,

D In answer to your letter of the 8th Instant I beg leave to inform you I have not objected to the payment of any indent or Bills from the European officers of the Zillah Court, and request to know if I must send Mr. Simond the amount alluded to in your letter under reply, or await his demand for payment.

Madura Thiroopavanam 14th September 1838 (Signed) J. Blackburne P. Collr.

No. 458.

To the Civil Auditor - Fort St. George

Sir,

D I have the honor to inform you, I have this day received a bill for rupees 3 - 1 on account of the charge objected to in your audit of the 31st July last against Assistant Revenue Surveyor Williams.

Madura Thiroopavanam 21st September 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl. Collr.

No. 465.

To the Civil Auditor - Fort St. George

Sir,

D With reference to replies No. 59 to 61 in the audit for Fusly 1246, I have the honor to forward copy

of a letter from the Civil Engineer, 8th Division, dated the 20th instant.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 24th Septr. 1838.

No. 537.

To the Civil Auditor. Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to apprize you of the arrival yesterday of my Acting Head Assistant Mr. Irvine.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Coll.

Madura 30th Octr. 1838.

No. 580.

To

The Civil Auditor

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor in answer to your letter, to inform you that I received my appointment as Acting Head Assistant at this place on the 11th October, and arrived on the 29th of that Month.

(Signed) P. Irvine
actg. Hd. Asst. Collr.

Madura 24th November 1838.

No. 604

To

The Civil Auditor

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to apprize you that I have recovered from Mr. Limond Rs. 16. 15 .. of which Rs. 4 .. 7 has been carried to account in this Month, and the remainder is kept in deposit for Mr. Anstruther, who has proceeded to Europe, unless you find cause to direct a similar retrenchment against that Gentleman & payment of the amount to Mr. Elliot for the day on which the latter took charge of the Court from the former Gentleman.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 4th December 1838.

No. 608.

To

The Civil Auditor

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward 3 Statements of Charges incurred for Rs. 774. 14. 9 in Remitting 5,60,000 Company's

pany's Rupees to the General Treasury at the Presidency on the 19th June, and 200,000 Rupees to the Collector of Tinnevelly on the 10th and 16th July last respectively, and request the necessary sanction of Government may be obtained for the same.

D

The Certificates taken from the officers escorting Treasures are herewith enclosed. (Signed) J. Blackburne

Madura 6th December 1838. Prin. Collr.

No. 3

To the Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant Generals Office
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to return the Memo. of Remarks on my accounts from November 1836 to April 1837, with my replies annexed, as directed in your letter of the 28th November.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura, Saumbon
2nd January 1838

No. 4

To the Military Pay Master Southern Division
Trichinopolly

Sir

As promised in my letter of the 16th Instant, and with reference to yours of the 20th, I have the honor to return the Duplicate Account Current, retransmitted by the Acting Civil Auditor

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Madura
Saumbon
1st Jany 1838

No. 5

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the past week.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura, Autankurray
4th January 1838

No. 18 Exchange for Company's Rupees 100 " "

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

Having received from Thomas Inglis Parish Harris Esq. Actg. Head Assistant Collector of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees One hundred, to be paid at Madras to Messrs Griffiths & Co. I request you will, at ten days after Sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said Sum of Company's Rupees One hundred to Messrs Griffiths & Co. but not to their order, as per advice from

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collector

Madura
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No. 16

To The Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week.

Madura Tondy [?] 11th January 1838 (Signed) J. Blackburne

Prinl. Coll.

No. 19

To the Accountant in the Revenue Department of the Accountant General's Office

Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to forward the Duplicate receipt [of] Lieut. Col. Monteith for Rupees 530, alluded to in my letter of the 18th November last.

Madura Thondy [?] 11th January 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne

Prinl. Coll.

No. 24.

To the Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week.

Madura Tripatoor [?] 18th January 1838 (Signed) J. Blackburne

Prinl. Coll.

No. 31

To the Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription [to the] Government Loan has been received during the last Week.

Madura 22nd January 1838 Signed J. Blackburne

Prinl. Coll.

(No. 38.)

To the Pay Master

Trichinopoly

Sir

Sergeant Cross has been permitted to accept ...

Situation of Jailor under the Criminal Court of this Zillah on a fixed Salary without detriment to his Military pension:

G.O. No. 436. 28th Decr 1837. I have the honor to forward Copy of the Government Authority on the latter point; Copies of his pension and last pay Certificates and Abstract for his pension from 1st October last to the end of the Current Month.

The Acting Judge wishes the pension Money to be paid thro' his Court:– to me it seems more desirable it should be paid direct from my Office; but it is a matter of entire indifference to me provided I have due authority for disbursing it thro' the intervention of another Office.

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Madura 24th January 1838.

Prin. Collector.

No. 42

To the Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir,

As directed in your letter of the 23d Ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the remittance of Silver & Copper Coin therein alluded to has been delivered into my treasury this day; and Credit will be given in my accounts to General Treasury.

Madura 26th January 1838. Signed J. Blackburne

Prin. Collr.

No. 46.

To the Accountant General.

Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week.

Madura 29th January 1838. (Signed). J. Blackburne

Prin. Collr.

No. 54.

To the Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to apprize you that the State of this Treasury will admit of a remittance of four lacs of Rupees to Madras at anytime you think proper.

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Madura
3. February 1838

Prin. Collr.

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week.

Madura
5th February 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Coll.

No. 69

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,
Inclosed is Copy of a Bill of exchange drawn upon by the late Collector of Masulipatam in favor of Mr. Limon. It has very greatly the appearance of a private transaction. I however, honored it, and request your instructions for my future guidance.

Also letter of advice from Collr. of Tinnevelly.

Madura 7th February 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

To the Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant Generals Office
Fort St. George

Sir,
I have the honor to forward the remaining portion of duplicate Journal for the past official year 1836/37 from Nov. 1836 as requested in your letter of the 17th Ultimo.

Madura 7th February 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 71

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription Government Loan has been received during the last Week.

Madura Tiruvvanum
14th February 1838

Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Coll.

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,
In Conformity to Para 8th of the Instructions of the Govern...
Lau...

Savings Bank I have the honor to transmit Extract of Register of Deposit made by the establishment of the Civil Engineer 4th Division for the Month of February.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
15th February 1838

(No. 82)

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to apprize you I have this day applied to the Officer Commanding Southern Division of the Army for a guard to escort 5 lacs (not four as I before anticipated) from hence to Madras on the 3d proximo.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
17th Feby. 1838

(No. 89)

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
19th Feby. 1838

No. 90

To the Military Paymaster
Southern Division
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that Bombardier George Ashe, who was sent here to teach the Natives the use of the fly Shuttle, and drawing Military Pension at this Station to the Amount of Rupees 12-11- per Mensem, has been permitted by Government to be removed from his present duties, and rejoin the General depot at Cuddalore. As he will be relieved on the 1st Proximo, I request you will be go

enough to order the payment of his pension in advance for the Month of March, and forward me a Certificate of his last payment. The usual Abstract of Stipends and Muster Roll will be prepared and forwarded to you on the 1st proximo.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin^l. Coll^r.

Madura
21st Feby. 1838.

(No. 105)

To the Accountant General.
Fort St. George

Sir, I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P^l. Coll^r.

Madura
26th Feby. 1838.

(No. 106.

To the Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the two Original Vouchers of Mr. Lockhart forwarded with your letter of the 24th Instant.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin^l. Coll^r.

Madura
27th February 1838

No. 107

To the Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Prospective Estimate of Receipts and Disbursements for the ensuing Official year 1838/39, as requested in your letter of the 7th Instant.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin^l. Collector

Madura
28th February 1838

No 108.

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To the Pay Master Southern Division

Trichinopoly

Sir,

I beg leave to inform you that the receipt of your drafts for payment of troops within the 15th day of the Month would be a great Convenience to me, and is often absolutely necessary to ensure the payment of these in favor of the Regiment quartered at Dindigul from the treasury of the Talook in which the town is situated. When too late to be paid from that treasury a delay of many days is the necessary consequence of sending an Escort thence to take charge of the Money here, and the expence of their batta and of the Cart or Cooly for carrying the Money must also be incurred.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
28th February 1838

(No 115)

To the Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

In conformity to your instructions Communicated thro the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, I have the honor to inform you the dispatch of the 5,00000 Rupees fixed for tomorrow will be postponed till the arrival of the Money Called for from Tinnevelly, and I learned last night from the Assistant Quarter Master General at Trichinopoly the escort will enter this Collectorate 3 Stages South of this about the 13th Current.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl Collector

Madura
2d March 1838

No 123.

To the Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription

to the Government Loan has been received during the last week.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin^l. Coll^r.

Madura
15th. March 1838

(No. 132)

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In conformity to the para 8th. of the instructions of the Government Savings Bank, I have the honor to transmit extract of Register of Deposits made by the Establishment of the Civil Engineer 4th. Division for the Month of March

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin^l. Coll^r.

Madura
12th. March 1838

(No. 133)

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin^l. Coll^r.

Madura
12th. March 1838

No. 136.

To the Accountant in the Revenue Department of the Accountant Generals Office
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Original Bill for Companys Rupees 314-9-8- for Expences incurred on account of Colonel Monteith for his Journey to and from Paumbon forwarded with your letter of the 9th. Instant.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin^l. Coll^r.

Madura
12th. March 1838

No. 140.

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

Agreeably to the directions contained in your letter of the 12th. Ultimo I have this day dispatched to the General Treasury at the Presidency in charge of a Guard Commanded by

Ensign Charles Mockler of the 33rd Regiment N. I. the sum of Company's Rupees (5,00,000) Five lacs, as per triplicate Invoice enclosed.

The escort from Tinnevelly arrived here on the 13th and left this day for the Presidency.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin. Collector

Madura
14th March 1838

No. 45

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir, I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin. Collector

Madura
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22. March 1838

(No. 146)

To the Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountt. Generals Office
Fort St. George

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 10th Instant I have the honor to state that the 6 Anas therein alluded to was directed by the Post Master General to be refunded to the Sender of a letter which from oversight the Madura Post Office Writer Omitted to deduct from the gross receipts for September & Corresponding debit will be made in my Accounts for the present Month.

Signed J Blackburne
Prin. Collector

Madura
15th March 1838

(No. 148)

To the Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant Generals Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the

the four original Vouchers of Mr. Lockhart forwarded with your letter of the 14th Instant.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin. Collector

Madura
25th March 1838

(No. 152.)

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Govt. Loan has been received during the last Week.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin. Coll.

Madura
26th March 1838

(No. 154)

To the Accountant in the Revenue Department of the Accountant Generals Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 22d Instant I have the honor to inform you the Amount Collections of Settlement of Pagoda and Chuttrum Villages are Credited to "Head of Pagoda and Mosque Allowances." and the amount of monthly fixed Charges are debited to the Same Head in the Journals If any Surplus remains it is Carried to the Credit of Government.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Coll.

Madura
28th March 1838

(No. 162)

To the Deputy Accountant General in charge
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 27th Instant and its inclosure I have the honor to State that as Mr. Harris stands appointed Assistant Collector of

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Coimbatore, his Salary though drawn here whilst Acting as my head Assistant, was charged in the Accounts of that Collectorate, and his deputation Allowance only in mine, as he will now draw his Salary in that district during the period he remains on leave at the Neelagherry Hills, it will be charged in the Accounts of that Collectorate and no adjustments will be required in my Accounts on that head.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

Madura
31st March 1838

(No. 164)

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

D I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Govern.t Loan has been received during the last Week.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

Madura
2 April 1838

(No. 172)

To The D.y Account.t General in Charge
Fort St. George

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 3d Instant I have the honor to inform you the half and quarter Silver Rupees forwarded with the remittance to Madras are not in fact of the New Coinage & were returned as Customary hitherto to the Presidency. The letter of the 7th March 1836 was an answer to given questions. The Small Coins that I have always asked for use and Circulation in this Collectorate are Anas and Copper Coins.

D

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

Madura
7th April 1838

(No. 179)

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that no Sub-scription to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin'l Coll'r

Madura
16th April 1838

No. 181

To the Dy. Accountant General in charge
Fort St. George

Sir,
On Saturday the Sub Collector, Mr Davidson, who has only a few days ago taken Charge of his office, having requested me to obtain Authority for drawing Monthly 1000 Rupees of his Salary by Bills upon the Accountant General, causes the forwarding of the usual application at this late Period - as no other Gentleman requires the accomodation it would not otherwise have been sent at all.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin'l Collector

Madura
16th April 1838

(No. 184)

To the Accountant in the Revenue Depart. of the Accountt. General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,
With reference to the Pencil Note in the Register of Vouchers which accompanied the Monthly Accounts for last Month. I have the honor to forward the original receipt of Colonel Monteith for Rupees 1000 -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin'l Coll'r

Madura
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19th April 1838

No. 186

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

D I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week.

Madura
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23d April 1838

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princ. Coll.

No. 187

To the Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Account. General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copies of Adjustment and Closing entries, and fair Copy of my Ledger for last year, and opening entries for the present, together with an D Alphabetical Index of the heads of Accounts opened in my ledger for the Current year, as required by your letter of the 16th Ultimo -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princ. Coll.

Madura
25th April 1838

(No. 191)

To the Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Account. General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to return the 4 Bills of Mr. Davidson forwarded with your letter of the 20th Instant, as it strikes me they should have been forwarded for adjustment to the Collector of Masulipatam.

D Mr. Prendergast's Bill has been forwarded with Copy extract of your letter to the Collector of Tinnevelly for adjustment, as I imagine that also has been sent to me thro' over sight.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princ. Coll.

Madura
25th April 1838

No. 204

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir I have the honor to inform you that no Subscrip-
-tion to the Government Loan has been received during the
last Week. D

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
30th April 1838

(No. 217)

To the Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant Generals Office
Fort St. George

Sir,
In answer to your letter of the 18th Ultimo, No. 1469,
I have the honor to forward the original Certificate of the Civil D
Engineer together with Copies of the Correspondence, noted in To the Civil Engineer 16th and 29th March
the margin furnished by that officer.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
3rd May 1838

No. 222

To the Accountant in the Revenue Department of the
Accountant Generals Office
Fort St. George

Sir,
In answer to your letter of the 13th March I have
the honor to forward for your information Copy of a letter from
the Sub Collector in Charge of Canara, and to State that a Sum D
of 1000 Rupees, advanced in May 1837, being omitted in the
Memo: annexed to your letter shewed a difference of 5900
Rupees instead of 6900.

Signed J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
4th May 1838

No. 224

To the Dy. Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,
I have the honor to inform you I purpose forwarding D
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to the Presidency on the 10th proximo the Sum of Six lacs of Rupees.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
5th May 1838

No. 231.

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Madura
8th May 1838

No. 236.

To the Military Paymaster
Southern Division
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to return duly corrected the Account Current in Duplicate.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Madura
10th May 1838

No. 239.

To the Military Paymaster
Southern Division
Trichinopoly

Sir

I have the honor to forward Abstract of Stipend and Muster Roll for Current month for Corporal Peter Hollingsworth, European Pensioner, Received from the Depôt at Cuddalore, for teaching the Natives the use of the fly Shuttle.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
11th May 1838

No. 242

To the Accountant in the Revenue Depart.t of the
Account.t General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Vouchers forwarded with your letter of the 24.th Ultimo and the instructions therein Contained will be duly attended to.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

Madura
12.th May 1838

No. 1. Exchange for Company's Rupees - 2030 - " - "

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from John Blackburne Esq.re Principal Collector of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees Two thousand and Thirty, to be paid, at Madras, to the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Government Bank, I request you will, at sight of this my first Bill (the Second of the Same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said Sum of Company's Rupees Two thousand and Thirty to the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Government Bank, but not to his order, as per advice from

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

Madura
12.th May 1838

No. 248.

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week.

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Madura
14.th May 1838

No. 251. 253
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To The Deputy Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to my letters of the 7th and 9th Septr. 1835 I have the honor to inform you that I found it desirable from the Month of February last to introduce the practise of defraying the monthly charges of the Coast establishment and of certain of your drafts from the Cash Chest of the Salt Amildar at Ramnad: and, in like manner, the monthly charges of the Talook establishment, and of the Devastanums, have commenced to be discharged direct from the Pyempoolly (distant talook bordering on Coimbatore) treasury since March last.

I do not purpose extending this practise to other Talooks, but should I hereafter do so, I shall not trouble you with a communication unless you express a wish to be kept advised on the subject.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Madura
15th. May 1838

No. 259.

To The Deputy Accountant General in charge
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to return one of the four Bills of Mr. Davidson forwarded with your letter of the 5th Instt. as I am unable to adjust it in consequence of there appearing an Error in the Deduction of Civil fund on the amount of Rupees 92-3-3-, being his average Commission from 10th. to 28th. February, which should be Rs. 5-12-2 instead of 12-12-2

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
18th. May 1838

No. 265

To the Accountant in the Revenue Depart.t of the
Account.t General's office
Fort St. George

Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Vouchers forwarded with your 2 letters of the 16th. Instant, and the Instructions therein contained will be duly attended to. D

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Coll.r

Madura
28th. May 1838

No. 266

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week. D

Signed J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

Madura
Thiroomungalum
21st May 1838

No. 2 Exchange for Company's Rupees 160-14-

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,
Having received from Mr. Robert Davidson, Sub Collector of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees One hundred and Sixty and Anas Fourteen, to be paid at Madras, to Messrs. Richardson & Co. I request you will at ten days after sight of this my first Bill, (the Second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum of Company's Rupees One hundred and Sixty and Anas Fourteen to Messrs. Richardson & Co. but not to their Order, as per advice from D

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

Madura
Sholavundan
23. May 1838

No. 269.

To the Accountant in the revenue Department of the
Accountant Generals office
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 14th Instant para 3. I have the honor to forward an abstract of Captain C. E. Faber Civil Engineer 8th Division for his personal allowances for April 1838.

D

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
25th May 1838

No. 277

To the Accountant in the revenue Department of the
Accountant Generals office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Explanations to the Items entered in the Memorandum transmitted with your letter of the 30th Ultimo.

D

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

Madura
28th May 1838

No. 282

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week.

D

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
28th May 1838

No. 283.

To the Deputy Accountant General in charge
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of the bill for Rupees 33. 12. forwarded with your letter of the 24th Instant.

D

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

Madura
28th May 1838

No. 290

To the Deputy Accountant General in charge
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor, with reference to my letter of the 7th February, to request specific instructions if I am at liberty to pay bills of exchange for apparently private purposes when drawn by Collectors: This second application to you is made in consequence of the presentation of a bill of which the inclosed is Copy.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
1st June 1838

No. 294

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you, that no subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last week.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
5th June 1838

No. 298

To the Deputy Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter bearing date 8th ultimo, & to inform you that the remittance of Rupees 5000 of new Copper quarter Ana Pice pieces, therein alluded to, was received into my treasury on the 9th Instant.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
11th June 1838

No. Exchange for Company's Rupees. 150

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. Robert Davidson,

Hours of acceptance between 10 & 12
S. & Holidays excepted

Sub Collector of Madura the Sum of Company's Rupees One hundred and fifty, to be paid at Madras, to Messrs. Bruce & Co. I request you will, at ten days after Sight of this my first Bill, (the Second of the Same tenor and and date not being paid), pay the Said Sum of Company's Rupees One hundred and fifty to Messrs. Bruce & Co. but not to their order, as per advice from

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

Madura
9th June 1838

No. 4 Exchange for Company's Rupees 109.6..

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Hours of acceptance between 10 & 12, S. &c.
Holidays excepted

Sir,

Having received from Mr. Robert Davidson, Sub Collector of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees One hundred and Nine and Anas Six, to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. Ashton & Co. I request you will, at ten days after Sight of this my first Bill, (the Second of the Same tenor and date not being paid) pay the Said Sum of Company's Rupees One hundred and Nine and Anas Six to Messrs. Ashton & Co. but not to their order, as per advise from

Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

Madura
9th June 1838

No. 5 Exchange for Company's Rupees 150....

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Hours of acceptance between 10 & 12
S. & Holidays excepted

Sir, Having received from Mr. Robert Davidson, Sub Collector of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees One hundred & fifty, to be paid at Madras to F. W. Davidson Esqr. I request you will at ten days after Sight of this my first Bill, (the Second of the Same tenor & date not being paid) pay the Said Sum of Company's Rupees One hundred and fifty to F. W. Davidson Esqr. but not to his order, as per advise from

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collr.

Madura
9th June 1838

No. 302

To the Dy. Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 5th Ultimo I have the honor to inform you that I shall be able to dispatch only 5 lacs and 60000 Rupees, instead of 6 lacs, in consequence of the Bills of large amount that you have recently drawn on me at Short dates.

The Tinnevelly detachment will arrive here on the 17th. The Dindigul one has been waiting here since the 9th.

Madura
12th June 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

No. 306.

To the Dy. Accountant General in charge
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, and to state that the Meenatchee Pagoda &c. Davastanams are paid, according to a fixed tusdeek, from the proceeds of the Villages allotted to them respectively, and which are deducted from the account of Settlement. The Monthly Collections and disbursements of which are entered to "Pagoda and Mosque Allowances" the remaining portion of the revenue of these Villages is included in the Settlement of Land revenue and carried to the Credit of Government. From the Money thus paid to the Pagodas, the Surplus arising from nonperformance of some Ceremonies is deposited in the Treasury, as shewn in the Monthly Account particular, and expended on Sanction of the Board of Revenue, whenever required for repairs, Cloths, Utensils &c. by the respective Pagodas. The Sundry Small Pagodas and Chuttrams are also supported by fixed tusdeeks from the proceeds of Lands allotted to them after deducting quit rents to Government; the whole Collections and disbursements are entered in the Monthly Accounts to the Head of "Pagoda & Mosque Allowances".

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The receipts and charges of the proceeds of the Villages allotted to Pagodas in the assumed Zemindary of Maroongapoory &c. and the proceeds of the Kuttay Villages or endowments granted by different individuals for ceremonies in their names are entered under the head of deposits, and never carried to the credit of Government. The enclosed statement for the receipts of the Pagodas for fusly 1245, one of the highest years since fusly 1241, will I hope, enable you to comprehend the particulars you desire to know.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
13th June 1838

No. 297.

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that no subscription to the Governt. Loan has been received during the last Week.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
11th June 1838

No. 310.

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,
Agreeably to the directions contained in your letter of the 22nd Ultimo I have this day despatched to the General Treasury at the Presidency in charge of a guard commanded by Captain A. Marshall of the 33rd Regiment N. I. the sum of Company's Rupees (5,60000) Five Lacs and Sixty thousand, as per triplicate Invoice enclosed.

The escort from Dindigul arrived here on the 9th and left it this day for the Presidency.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
19th June 1838

No. 313.

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura
Vellanadchee
21st June 1838

No. 318

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir
I have the honor to inform you that no subscription to the Government Loan has been received during the last Week.

Madura 26th June 1838 —
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 321

To the Accountant General Fort St. George

Sir,
In Answer to your Letter No. 969, of the 16th instant I have the honor to state that the small Coins much required in this District are Silver One Ana pieces to amount of Rupees 5000 — Copper half Ana Pieces do. 5000 — Copper One pice pieces do. 1000 —

Madura
26th June 1838
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 326

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,
As requested in your letter of the 7th instant I have the honor to forward more sufficient Explinations of the items noted in the 2nd & 3rd paras of your letter of the 30th April last.

Madura 28th June 1838 —
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 327

To the Accountant in the Revenue Dept.
of the Act. Genl's Office

Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the bill for Rupees 233 — 5 — 4, forwarded with your letter of the 26th instant.

Madura 29th June 1838 —
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 335

To the Deputy Accountant General in Charge
Fort St. George

Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th Ultimo, directing compliance with any requisitions from the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly to the extent of 70,000 Rupees.

Madura 2d July 1838 —
I have &ca.
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 336.

To the Accountant in the Revenue Department of the Accountant General's Office,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 14th May, para 3, I have the honor to forward Abstracts of Captain C. E. Faber Civil Engineer, & Lieutenant H. Watts Acting Assist. Civil Engineer 8th Division, for their personal allowances for May 1838.

Madura 3d July 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 349

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

The requisition from Tinnevelly for two lacs of Rupees was received yesterday - today I gave over one lac to an escort furnished from the 33d Regiment Native Infantry, and I will send another lac as soon as I have it, of which I will also apprize you.

Madura
10th July 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 352

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In explanation of the difference, noticed in your Letter of the 7th Instant, between the collections in June and the estimate made for them in November, I have the honor to inform you the unusual absence of rain during the last six weeks so raised the price of grain that all the paddy of Shevagunga and Ramnad was readily and suddenly disposed of, which I do not believe could have been the case had rain fallen as usual during the last six weeks, and the price been low; and the same cause enabled me to realize the demand of Government in these two talooks. The collections in Shevagunga are charged in the deposits till the end of

of the month, when they are at once transferred to the ain accounts. — You complain that if my estimate of November was excusable, still there was no reason for disparity to the estimate made on the 10th June — Even on the 10th of June I could not foresee the continued absence of rain — nor could a determinate conclusion have been then come to if my returns from all parts of this extensive collectorate had been then before me up to the preceding night, nor could I, on that information, have been justified in holding out expectation of a larger collection. If my charges too exceeded in June their estimate I take no blame — I proposed to expend during the year, 150,000 Rupees on the Meramut of Shevagunga — Government permitted the outlay of only 50,000 and odd, and limited my outlay to certain tanks &c particularized — Could I judge with any precision what amount the Government would sanction? Could I judge to what particular tanks I should be limited? Could I, not knowing what tanks would be selected, guess the hour at which they would be sufficiently empty to allow work to be undertaken? Could I, not knowing what tanks were to be repaired, form a judgment of the alacrity or otherwise with which the work would be undertaken? — My own opinion is that the estimates were judiciously framed, and that the only way to have made the results tally with them was to have abated or entirely stopped my exertions for the interests of Government and good of the people. I cannot promise greater care in framing future estimates, but I beg you to be assured I will not relax in my endeavors to please you —

Madura }
11th July 1838 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 356.

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, with reference to my Letter of the 10th Instant, that I have this day despatched

despatched to the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly a second lac of Rupees, being in full satisfaction of his requisition of the 7th Instant, as per Triplicate Invoice enclosed.—

Madura
16th July 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 365.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

1. The treasury accounts in my Office exhibit every item of receipt and charge in the Post Office Department, but in the monthly accounts forwarded to you the surplus or deficit only appears - hence a difference between Items but not the balance of the treasury accounts of the Office, and the english ones furnished to you; I would therefore be glad to know if they shall be entered as in the treasury accounts, or in the manner usual at present.—

2. In like manner I some days since found it necessary to advance from the "deposits" 160 Rupees to the Officer Commanding Detachment at Madura to enable a guard to take charge of treasure for Tinnevelly - it was recovered a few days after from a paymaster's draft in his favor - in the treasury Accounts it is entered as an advance and recovery - in those sent to you it might not appear at all. I should be glad to know your wishes on those and similar points.—

Madura
19th July 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 368.

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

As desired in your letter of the 2d Instant I have the honor to acquaint you the two lacs of Rupees remitted me from Trichinopoly, on the 7th Instant, reached me on the 15th and after being duly shroffed, were yesterday carried to account.

Madura
20th July 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,
As requested in your letter of the 20th instant I have the honor to return the draft duly receipted D

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura, Rettoor
27th July 1838

No. 378.
To the Accountant in the revenue Department of the Accountt. Genls. office
Fort St. George

Sir
With reference to your letter of the 14th May para 3, I have the honor to forward Abstract of Captn. C. E. Faber Civil engineer 8th Division for his personal Allowances for June 1838 Rs. 820- D

Madura, Thiroopavanum
29th July 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 382
To the Accountant in the revenue Departt. of the Acctt. Genls. office
Fort St. George

Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of 2 Bills for Rupees 87-15- forwarded with your letter of the 26th Instt. D

Madura
30th July 1838

Signed J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 392.
To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,
I have the honor to annex a Register of Acknowledgement, granted by me, this day, to Seringapatam Streenevassiengar, for subscription of the sum of Company's Rupees 4,250 to the 4% per Cent Loan now open. D

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
1st August 1838

No. 2
Madura 1st August 1838.

I hereby acknowledge that Seringapatam Streenevassiengar, has, this day, paid into the East India Company's Treasury, the sum of Company's Rupees (4,300) Four thousand three hundred, for which he is entitled to receive a Promissory note, bearing Interest from the 30th September next, of the tenor, and subject to the conditions, specified in the Advertisement published in the Calcutta Gazette of the 3d October 1835, and intermediately the same Interest from the date of this Acknowledgment to the 30th September 1838.

Paid on the 1st Augt. } 42
On the 23d Do. .. 4[illegible]

Compy's Rups. 4300.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 402

To The Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the portion of my Duplicate Journal for the past official year 1837/38, up to October 1837, as required by your Letter of the 31st Ultimo.—

D

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
14th August 1838.

No. 8. Exchange for Company's Rupees 600-"-"

To The Accountant General Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. Robert Davidson, Sub Collector of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees Six hundred, to be paid, at Madras, to Messieurs Griffiths & Co. I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first Bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum of Company's Rupees Six hundred to Messieurs Griffiths & Co. but not to their order, as per advice from—

D

Hours of acceptance between 10 & 12 A.M. Holidays excepted

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Cunnoogoody
19th Augt. 1838.

No. 9. Exchange for Company's Rupees 387-8-"

To The Accountant General Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. Robert Davidson, Sub Collector of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees Three hundred and eighty seven and Annas eight, to be paid, at Madras, to Messieurs Arbuthnot & Co. I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum of Company's Rupees Three hundred and eighty seven and Annas eight to Messieurs Arbuthnot & Co. but not to their order, as per advice from—

D

Hours of acceptance between 10 & 12 A.M. Holidays excepted—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Cunnoogoody
19th August 1838.

No. 413

To The Accountant in the Revenue Departmt. of the Acctt. Genl's Office
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to your Letter of the 14th May para 3, I ha[ve]
the

the honor to forward Abstracts of Captain C. C. Faber, Civil Engineer, and Lieutenant H. Congreve, late 2nd Assistant Civil Engineer, 8th Division, for their personal allowances from 1st to 17th March, and for July 1838.— D

Madura
Cunnoogoody
23rd August 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 414.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George.

Sir,

In answer to your Letter of the 18th Instant, just received, I have the honor to inform you the Principal Collector of South Arcot was informed by me, on the 8th May, of my intention to make a remittance, which was indefinitely delayed by your instructions, communicated to me thro' the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, and was ultimately despatched to the Presidency on the 19th June.— D

Madura
Cunnoogoody
23rd Augt. 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

The Honorable Company . . . . Dr.

To hire of a Cart to convey Rupees 6,034-15-2 (A. P.) to the Officer Commanding Dindigul, being the amount of Paymaster's Bill No. 150 dated 10th August 1838
Rupee . . . . 1-8-" (A. P.)

Madura
Cunnoogoody
23rd August 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

To The Paymaster
Southern Division
Trichinopoly.

Received the amount
viz: Rupee one & Annas eight.

(Sigd.) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 418

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Register of a revised Acknowledgment for Company's Rupees 4,300 as directed in the 3rd Para. of your Letter of the 16th, received on the 21st Instant.— D

Madura
Cunnoogoody
25th August 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 421

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, this day, of your Letter of the 22d Instant, giving cover to a bill in duplicate, on the Government of Ceylon, for hire of a boat employed in the service of the Paumben Pass, D from 1st January to 31st October 1837, at 1 £ 17 S 6 D per month £ 18-15-0.

Compensation for injuries done to the said boat while in the above employ. £ 5-12-3.

Total £ 24-7-3
or Co.s Rupees 254-13-6.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Cunnoorgoody
27th August 1838.

No. 430.

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In conformity to Para 8th of the instructions of the Government Savings Bank, I have the honor to transmit Extract of Register of Deposits, made D by the Establishment of the Civil Engineer 8th Division, for the month of August.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Thiroovaigumput
6th September 1838.

No. 435

To
The Accountant General,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to annex a Register of Acknowledgment granted by me, this day, to John Blackburne Esquire, for subscription for the sum of Company's Rupees 10,500 to the 4 per cent Loan now open.

D

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Shevagunga
10th September 1838.

Madura Shevagunga 10th September 1838.

No. 3.

I hereby acknowledge that John Blackburne Esquire has
this

this day paid into the East India Company's Treasury, the sum of Company's Rupees (10,500) Ten thousand, and five hundred, for which he is entitled to receive, a Promissory note bearing Interest from the 30th September next, of the tenor, and subject to the conditions, specified in the Advertisement published in the Calcutta Gazette of the 3d October 1835, and immediately the same Interest from the date of this Acknowledgment to the 30th September 1838.—

Company's Rupees 10,500—

No. 10.

Exchange for Company's Rupees - - - 630. 14 - " (Rs. A. P.)

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George.

Sir,

Having received from Mr. Robert Davidson, Sub Collector of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees Six hundred and thirty, and Anas fourteen, to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. Griffiths & Co., I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first Bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid,) pay the said sum of Company's Rupees Six hundred & thirty and Anas fourteen: to Messrs. Griffiths & Co., but not to their order, as per advice from—

Madura
Shevagunga
10th September 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne.
Princl. Collr.

No. 445.

To The Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant General's Office,
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to your Letter of the 14th May No. 3, I have the honor to forward Abstract of Lieutt. H. Watts, Acting Assistant Civil Engineer 8th Division, for his personal allowances for June 1838.—

Madura
Tirboovanum
16th September 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Hours of acceptance between 10 & 12 A.M.
Holi-days excepted.—

No. 460

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to return an Extract from the Register of Deposits

Deposits with my counter-signature previously omitted.

Madura }
Thirooboovanum }
21st September 1838. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 466.

To The Acting Military Paymaster
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter from the Accountant General under date the 31st Ultimo, and in order to enable me to comply with his instructions, I request you will be good enough to particularize the same in your future Monthly Statement of Payments furnished to this Office as well as for May and June, already debited.

Madura }
24th September 1838. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

The Honorable Company - - - - - - - Dr.

To hire of a Bullock and Driver to convey Rupees 8102-11-3 to the Officer Commanding Dindigul being the amount of Paymaster's Bill No. 197 dated 11th September 1838 - Rupees 1-12.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura }
24th September 1838. }

To the Paymaster
Southern Division
Trichinopoly.

Received the amount
Vizt. Rupee One and
Anas twelve.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 469.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor in answer to your letter of the 12th Instant, to inform you I applied to the Collector of Trichinopoly, on the 19th, for a lac of Rupees, which he apprized me, under date the 22nd Instant, he had despatched that same day.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura }
24th September 1838. }

To:

No. 472

To The Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of an Indent for Broad cloths supplied for the Zillah Court of Madura amounting to Rupees 102-14-8, forwarded with your letter of the 22d Instant.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
26th September 1838.

No. 11 Exchange for Company's Rupees 1000-" "

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. J. Blackburne, Principal Collector of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees One thousand, to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. Binny & Co., I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum of Company's Rupees One thousand to Messrs. Binny & Co., but not to their order, as per advice from,

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
2d October 1838.

Hours of acceptance between 10 & 12 A.M.; Holidays excepted.—

No. 484.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 12th Ultimo I have the honor to acquaint you, that one lac of Rupees, remitted me by the Collector of Trichinopoly on the 22d Ultimo, reached me on the 30th, and after being duly shroffed, was carried to account yesterday.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
3d October 1838.

Received from the Paymaster Southern Division, Trichinopoly, a Draft, in Duplicate, for Company's Rupees (60-8) Sixty and Annas eight, dated 14th Ultimo, being the Pension of ~~Europeans in~~

advance

advance for September, and pay of Native Pensioners, attached to the Public Bungalows, in arrears for August, and also hire for conveying Treasure.—

Madura
3rd October 1838.
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 12. Exchange for Company's Rupees 1,360.—

To
The Accountant General,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

Having received from John Blackburne Esqre. Principal Collector of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees One thousand three hundred and sixty, to be paid, at Madras, to the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Government Bank, I request you will at sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum of Company's Rupees One thousand, three hundred, and sixty to the Superintendent and Treasurer, of the Government Bank, but not to his order, as per advice from,

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
5th October 1838.

Hours of acceptance between 10 & 12 A.M.
Holidays excepted.—

No. 498.

To the Accountant in the Revenue Depart. of the Accountant General's office
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 13th Ultimo, I have the honor to inform you, that the difference of Anas 7 & Pice 5, being interest over paid to Streenevassiengar, on Rupees 4,300, subscribed by him on the 1st and 23rd August last, was recovered and credited in the Accounts for the Month of September.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
10th Octr. 1838

Received from the Paymaster Southern Division, Trichinopoly, a Draft, in duplicate, for Company's Rupees (60-12-) Sixty and Anas twelve, dated 10th instant, being the Pension of Europeans in advance for October, & pay of Native Pensioners, attached to the Public Bungalows, in arrears for September, and also hire for conveying Treasure.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
12th Octr. 1838

No. 13. Exchange for Companys Rupees 600-"-"

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,
Having received from Mr. Robert Davidson, Sub Collector of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees Six hundred, to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. Griffiths & Co. I request you will, at ten days after Sight of this my first Bill, (the Second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum of Companys Rupees Six hundred to Messrs. Griffiths & Co., but not to their Order, as per advice from

(Singned). J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Madura
12th. Octr. 1838.

No. 502.

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,
In conformity to Para 8th. of the instructions of Government Saving's Bank, I have the honor to transmit Extract of Register of Deposits, made by the Establishment of the Civil Engineer 8th. Division, for the Month of September 1838.

I have &ca.
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
15th. October 1838.

No. 504.

To The Paymaster
Southern Division
Trichinopoly

Sir,
I have the honor to annex Extract from a letter from the Military Auditor General, & request you will be so good as to furnish me with the necessary Certificate in support of the objectionable charge.

I have &ca.
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
Tovrumcoorchy
20th. October 1838.

No. 509.

To The Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir,

The copper Coins, some time ago received from Madras, have been too recently put into Circulation, as you may perceive by considering the periodical returns furnished you of the Coins in the treasury of this Collectorate, to permit the information required by your letter of the 19th, being a true picture of the market price of the Currency, and I shall therefore defer for a short time my final answer to your letter unless I hear from you again to say you wish for the information in its present fallacious state.

Madura
Covern courchey
23d October 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 510.

To The Accountant in the Revenue Departt. of the Accountant Generals office
Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of an Original Bill for CRs. 35 in support of sums advanced at the General Treasury, between the 1st and 20th September last.

Madura Thovaramchurchy
23d October 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 518.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 17th Instant I have the honor to state that the difference of 4 Anas Shewn in your Memo: being the Postage Collected for two Papers, sent to the address of Lieutenant Colonel Wilson late Commanding the 1st Regiment N. I., was inadvertently omitted to be credited in the Account Current with the Post Master General, and will be duly credited in the next accounts of that officer.

Madura Kottampully
25th October 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

(No. 525)

To the Military Paymaster Southern Division
Trichinopoly

Sir, I have the honor to forward three original bills and Copy of

of a letter from the Assistant Surgeon of Madura, and request you will be good enough to procure me the Correction and adjustment of his Accounts, as he desires.

Madura, Chittumpully
27th October 1838

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

(No. 533.)

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to forward the Certificate of the Military paymaster, Southern Division, as required by your letter, No. 851, dated the 18th. Instant.

Madura
29th. Octr. 1838

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Colll.

No. 534.

To the Accountant in the Revenue Departt.
of the Accountant General's office
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Two Original Bills for C. Rupees 221. 10 -, in support of Sums advanced at the General Treasury in last Month.

Madura
29th. Octr. 1838

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No. 15. Exchange for Company's Rupees 2000

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from John Blackburne Esqre. Principal Collector of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees Two thousand, to be paid at Madras, to Messrs. Binny & Co. I request you will, at ten days after Sight of this my first Bill, (the Second of the Same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said Sum of Company's Rupees Two thousand to Messrs. Binny & Co., but not to their Order; as per advice from

Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura
1st. November
1838

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Holiday Ditto

No. 16 Exchange for Companys Rupees .... 500 —

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To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Captain Charles Edward Faber, Civil Engineer 8th Division, the Sum of Companys Rupees Five hundred, to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first Bill (the Second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said Sum of Companys Rupees Five hundred to Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. but not to their order, as per advice from

Madura
1st November 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Hours of acceptance between 10 & 2 Holidays Excepted

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The Honorable Company .... Dr.

To hire of a Bullock and driver to Convey Rupees 8827. 3-2 to the officer Commanding Dindigul, being the amount of Paymasters Bill No. 236 dated 10th October 1838 - Rs. 2 — —

Madura
2 Novr. 1838

To the Paymaster
Southern Division
Trichinopoly

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Received the amount Viz. Rupees two -

No. 17 Exchange for Companys Rupees .... 600 —

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Robert Davidson Esqre. Sub. Collector of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees Six hundred, to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. Griffiths & Co. I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first Bill (the Second of the Same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said Sum of Companys Rupees Six hundred to Messrs. Griffiths & Co. but not to their order, as per advice from

Madura
6th November 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Hours of acceptance 10 to 2 Ok.[illegible] Holidays Excepted -

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No. 556.

To the Accountant in the Revenue Department of the Accountant General's office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of 2 Vouchers for Rs. 20. 3 .. forwarded with your letter of the 6th Instant -

Madura
10th November 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

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No. 569

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 6th Ultimo, No. 797, I have the honor to acquaint you that the Principal Collector of Canara intimates, in his letter of the 6th instant, that he has given me Credit for Rupees 8,000 in his accounts for last month.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

Madura
14th November 1838

No. 575

To the Accountant in the Revenue Department of the Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

On the 14th August last Government sanctioned a Sum of Rupees 24. 11 3, incurred for removing 10 yards of the Rampart of the Fort of Madura to obtain data for estimating the Cost of its entire removal. I request you will be good enough to inform me under what head I am to enter the Charge in my accounts.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
20th November 1838

No. 594

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 27th Ultimo, received yesterday, I have the honor to inform you I was quite prepared to obey the instructions given me on the 27th June last, respect-

respecting Mr Wilson's pay as soon as applied to: no application has yet been made, nor have I ever heard of Mr Wilson's arrival at Paumbon, but I shall this day inform him, through the officer in charge of the works, of the provisions you have made for him.

Madura
1st December 1838 } (Signed) C. J. Blackburne
Principal Coll.r

No Exchange for Companys Rupees 200 –

To the Accountant General

Fort St George

Sir,

Having received from Captain C. E. Faber, Civil Engineer 8th Division, the Sum of Companys Rupees Two hundred, to be paid at Madras, to Messrs Arbuthnot & Co, I request you will at ten days after sight of this my first Bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum of Companys Rupees Two hundred to Messrs Arbuthnot & Co, but not to their order, as per advice from –

(Signed) C. J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

Madura
1st December 1838 }

Hour of acceptance between 10 & 12 A.M.
Holidays excepted

No 596.

To the Accountant in the Revenue Depart.t of the Accountant General's office

Fort St George

Sir,

In answer to your letter No 980, under date

date 22nd Ultimo, I have the honor to forward the memo's required in the 1st and 2nd paras:, and to state that the adjustments alluded to in the 3rd & 4th paras: will be attended to in the Accounts for last Month. D

Madura 1st December 1838 (Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No. 20 Exchange for Companys Rupees 600----

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

Having received from Mr. Robert Davidson, Sub Collector of Madura, the Sum of Companys Rupees Six hundred, to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. Griffiths & Co., I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first bill (the Second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said Sum of Companys Rupees Six hundred to Messrs. Griffiths & Co., but not to their order as per advice from D

(Signed) J Blackburne
Madura 4th Decr. 1838. Prinl. Collector

No. 21 Exchange for Companys Rupees 70----

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. Robert Davidson, Sub Collector of Madura, the Sum of Company's D

Rupees Seventy, to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs Arbuthnot & Co, I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first Bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said Sum of Companys Rupees Seventy to Messrs Arbuthnot & Co, but not to their order, as per advice from

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collector

Madura
4th December 1838

No. 606.

To the Accountant in the Revenue Department of the Accountant General's Office
Fort St George

Sir,

In reference to my letter of the 1st instant in answer to yours of the 22nd Ultimo, I have the honor to state that your instructions of the 28th June last, regarding the incorporation of the Davastanum and Chuttrums with the Lyen receipts, being received at the latter end of Fusly 1247. Viz on the 1st July, the whole account of that Fusly was separately kept under the usual head, and the Settlement was also closed in like manner, the Statements forwarded to the Board of Revenue, and your instructions carried into effect only from 12th July last. If any balance be collected for Fusly 1247, on account of Pagoda fees and Chuttrums, it seems to me they should be carried to account under the head of

"Pagoda

"Pagoda and Mosque Allowances in lieu of resumed lands and priviliges" and not under that of Ain receipts, otherwise the Collections will appear to be more than the Settlement; If after this expla=:nation you still persist in your opinion I shall be happy to Comply with your instructions.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin^l. Coll^r.

Madura
6th. December 1838

No. 607.

To the Accountant General
Fort S^t. George

Sir,

I have taken the liberty of drawing two bills on you, tho' unauthorized, in behalf of my Assistant, M^r. Irvine, which I trust you will not object to as he has joined subsequent to the last return of Bills required by Civil Servants sanc=:tioned by you.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin^l. Coll^r.

Madura
6th. December 1838

No. 22 Exchange for Company's Rupees 150 —

To the Accountant General
Fort S^t. George

Sir,

Having received from M^r. Patrick Irvine, Acting Head Assistant Collector of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees One hundred and fifty, to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.

Hours of acceptance between 10 & 3 A.M. Holidays Excepted

I request you will, at ten days after Sight of this my first Bill, (the Second of the Same tenor and date not being paid) pay the Said Sum of Companys Rupees One hundred and Fifty to Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. but not to their order as per advise from

Madura
6th December 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 23. Exchange for Companys Rupees 71 — —

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Hours of acceptance between 10 & 3 P.M. Holidays Excepted

Sir,

Having received from Mr. Patrick Irvine, Acting Head Assistant Collector of Madura, the Sum of Companys Rupees Seventy One, to be paid, at Madras, to Messrs. Binny and Co. I request you will, at ten days after Sight of this my first Bill (the Second of the Same tenor and date not being paid), pay the Said Sum of Companys Rupees Seventy One to Messrs. Binny & Co. but not to their order, as per advise from

Madura
6th December 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

No. 613

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

On the 15th Current the 5th Regiment N.

N. 9. will be here on route to Relieve the 33rd at

Palamcottah, which may be expected here about

the middle of next month on route to Pallava-

ram. I shall then be able to forward to the

Presidency treasury 3 lacs of Rupees if it

meets your wishes, of which I should be glad

to be early apprized that I may address the

Commanding officer of the division to afford a

guard, and to enable me to apprize the different

Collectors between this and the Presidency.

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Madura } Prin^l. Coll^r.
6th December 1808 }

No. 24 Exchange for Companys Rs. 57 —

To the Accountant General

Fort St. George.

Sir, Having received from Mr. Elliot Esqre.,

Acting Judge of Madura, the Sum of C. Rupees

Fifty Seven, to be paid, at Madras, to the Secretary

to Government in the Public Department, I request

you will, at Sight of this my first Bill, (the Second

of the Same tenor and date not being paid), pay the

Said Sum of Companys Rupees Fifty Seven to the

Secretary to Government, in the Public Department,

but

Hours of acceptance between 10 & 12 [illegible]
Holidays Excepted

but not to his order, as per advice from

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

Madura
7th December 1838

No. 618.

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 5th instant I beg leave to inform you I do not yet see any reason to modify my estimate for the Current official year, nor shall I be likely to do so from any change in the next 12 days: but the correctness of the estimate may be very materially affected by the State of the weather from the 22d Current to the 22d January next.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

Madura
10th December 1838

No. 635.

To the Accountant in the Revenue Depart.t of the Accountant General's office
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward 2 amended memorandums with remarks of the Estimated Charges

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on account of Pensions and Charitable Allowances &c.

as desired in your letter No. 1073 dated 12th instant.

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Prin. Collector

Madura Maunamadura

21st December 1838

(Receipt)

Received from the Paymaster Southern Division Trichinopoly a Draft in Duplicate for Companys Rupees (86-4-) Eighty six and Anas four, being the pensions of Europeans in advance for December, and Compensation in lieu of Clothing for the year 1839; pay of Native Pensioners attached to the Public Bangalows in arrears for November; and, also, hire for conveying treasure.

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Principal Collector

Madura

Paramagooty

23d December 1838

No. 646.

To the Accountant General

Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you in answer to your letter of the 22d instant, received yesterday, there are no Foreign Pensioners, supported by the British Government, drawing their Stipends in this Collectorate.

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Prin. Collector

Madura

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29th December 1838

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Indent of Salt Rowanahs required by the Principal Collector the Districts of Madura and Dindigul for the Year 1838.—

10,000. Salt Rowanahs No value.

Madura Yalavencottay } (Signed) J. Blackburne
16th January 1838 } Prinl. Collr.

No. 1.

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

With reference to your proceedings under date the 18th September last I have the honor to forward a Statement of Charges incurred for feeding the poorer classes during the late distress, in the Talooks of Taudicombo and Iyempully in Dindigul, and request you will be good enough to obtain the Necessary Sanction for Rupees 399- 8- "

Madura } (Signed) J. Blackburne
22d January 1838 } Prinl. Collr.

No. 2
Duplicate

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward Copy of an application from the Acting Head Assistant, Mr. Harris, for leave of absence, until the 31st July next, with 10 days in anticipation, to proceed to the Neelgherry hills, and request his solicitation may be complied with.—

Madura } (Signed) J. Blackburne
22d January 1838. } Prinl. Collr.

No. 3

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have

I have the honor to state there are no Returns for the last Month for the following statements.-

Quarterly return of Revenue Defaulters confined in the jail upto 31st December.-

Report of Casualties and Revenue Defaulters released upto Do.

Salt Confiscated

Goods confiscated

Madura
22nd January 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 4

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward a Copy of the revised Tariff in English and Hindoovee as required by your letter of the 4th instant.-

Madura
23rd January 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 5

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward the Statement of Charges, returned unsanctioned with your letter of the 4th Instant, with my Explanations, and trust it may now be obtained for 2 of the Items.-

Madura
24th January 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No. 6

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1. With reference to the 3rd para. of your letter of the 21st November 1836 I have the honor to forward a statement

of per Centage of wastage for each platform in conformity with the 18th para: of the Salt rules.-

2 All the salt is whiter than that of the preceding year; and in the Northern Division, where it is made in the more immediate vicinity of the sea, it is much whiter and better crystallized than in the southern, where, being at a distance from the sea, the water from which it is made is raised from wells; but, as far as my recollection goes the salt of the Tanjore pans is of a superior whiteness to any made here.-

The hedges and ditches round the platforms are in a respectable Condition, and the integrity & attention of the salt Amildar seem to deserve approbation.-

3 Last year, observing the impossibility of even many persons being able to watch a whole platform, from the unwise mode of erecting huts on their level, I caused a lofty one to be raised on four palmyras in the centre of one of them.- It has answered the purpose completely, in giving the watchmen a perfect command over every heap and over all the country adjoining the platform and pan: If your Board approve, I will beg sanction may be procured for similar ones to be erected in the other 16. pans at an expense of Rupees. 105. 13. "-

4 I have already reported to your Board the advantage to the Government interests, and the convenience to the merchants, from making and enlarging two ponds in the neighbourhood of two of the pans:- Three more are very greatly required at Taracoody, Mookyoor and Mooltooragoonathapatnum, for which I purpose submitting estimates thro' the prescribed channel with little delay; & trust they will meet your support.-

5 I take the liberty to press upon your consideration my report of the 21st July, begging authority for writing off the wastage of last fusly, amounting to Garces. 39. 24½

Madura 26th January 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.
&c.

No. 7

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward a Certificate of Mr. Harris' ill health, just sent me by the Assistant Surgeon. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura
26th January 1838

No. 8

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Annajee Rao, late Naib Sherishtadar in my Office, left this, under your orders for Trichinopoly on the 21st Ultimo:- In the event of his being employed without exchange in North Arcot - I beg earnestly to recommend as his successor Trimul Rao, Tasildar of Madacolum in this Collectorate, the particulars of whose service are appended. - I beg to recommend him on his own merits; and I beg still more to recommend him as an encouragement to all others now in employ to persevere in diligence and honesty from an assurance that they may look forward with some security to higher grades for themselves. -

It is not for the sake of patronage I make this recommendation, but from a feeling that it will be conducive to the interests of Government. -

Madura 26th January 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Service of Trimul Rao

	Ys.	Ms.	Ds.
Sayer Gomastu in the Madura Principal Collectors' Cutcherry from 1st Septr. 1815 to 30th Septr. 1828	13.	1.	"
Tahsildar of Iyempully from 1st Octr. 1828 to 30th Septr. 1830	2.	"	"
Native record keeper in the Hoozoor from 1st Octr. 1830 to 30th Septr. 1831	1.	"	"
Tahsildar from 1st Octr. 1831 up to the present period	6	4	24
	22.	5.	24

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

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To
No. 9
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward a Statement of land which I beg to recommend may be granted to service Enamdars in lieu of other now unfit for Cultivation to the Extent of Cawns. 107 - 13¾ bearing an assessment of Rupees 183 - 4 - 1 -

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(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
29th January 1838

To
No. 10
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

With reference to your proceedings of the 19th October I have the honor to inform you I have thought it incumbent on me to delay no longer in assuming charge of the Devastans and Chetrums of Shevagunga, in consequence of their very extensive neglect and misappropriation of their funds.

As the servants now in charge of the Ain lands of the estate are altogether unequal to the additional tax upon them, I shall do myself the honor to submit, as soon as I can ascertain by experience what is requisite, a detailed Mohin Zabitah for their management as is at present, and has long been the practise, and as appears to me almost indispensible.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
31st January 1838

To
No. 11
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I request you will be pleased to return the

the English and Maratta original statements forwarded in my letter of the 25th of last February, as directed in your letter of the 20th of the same Month, if you have done with them. —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
31st. January 1838.

No. 12

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1. I have the honor to request your early sanction for the abolition of an abuse which has crept gradually into the collection of the Customs on betel leaf, has extended itself beyond all bounds, and has become, in consequence of the strict exaction of the dues of Government since removal of the intervention of a renter, a serious oppression.

2. Section II Regulation VI of 1812 imposes a particular duty distinct from the general inland duty provided for by Regulation I of the same year on betel &ca. imported or sold in "certain Towns &ca." — which your Board directed, in the 2d. para of your letter of the 10th. May 1813, should be "Towns and large villages, the population of which consisted, "for the most part, of Merchants Weavers and Traders." — The Statement accompanying the Collector's letter of the 5th. Febt. following gave the names of the places to which it was recommended the consumption duty should be confined; but in process of time it became extended to every Town, village and even hamlet in the Country; but as the confinement of the levy of the duty to its legal bounds will greatly injure the revenue, I do not feel that I have authority to correct an abuse of so long standing without your sanction; which I beg may be given for restricting it to the

Towns mentioned in the office copies of the Statements for the information of the Bengal Committee for revision of Customs, which were forwarded to your Board on the 25th of last February.-

3. The consumption duty in this Collectorate is, I believe, higher than in the neighbouring ones, being 1¼ M. Fs. for 400 leaves, without reference to their size, tho' the average weight of 1000 large leaves will be about 800 pagodas, whilst that of the same number of small ones will not exceed 375 pags. weight, an inequality which subjects the Cultivator to serious loss in the non consumption and entire waste of all the smaller leaves.-

The average value of 1000 leaves, large and small, is 2 anas to the Cultivator, and the duty upon them 4 annas: Total selling price, in a place liable to the consumption duty, 6 anas.- I would therefore recommend the consumption duty should be lowered to 1 Ms. F. per 400 leaves.-

...e of ...duty.

The present practise, excessively oppressive under a strict Amany Collection, was comparatively light under a renting system, where under-rents were usual at very low rates:- The difficulty of now obtaining this article has risen to an extent supposed to affect the health of the very poor:- and I have little doubt compliance with my suggestion would sensibly diminish the duty of the Criminal Court in attending to cases of smuggling this article.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
2d. February 1838.

No. 13.

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1st. With reference to the enclosed Copy, and

and translate, of an address of the 11th December, from Beccajee Rāō, begging that certain documents, made over by him to Government in liquidation of his Embezzlements, may be given back to him as a means of subsistence, since the Government have declined to prosecute for the recovery of them, I have the honor to refer you to my letter of the 24th December 1834 (paras: 2 & 7.); and to the 8th para: of your proceedings of the 8th August 1836, in answer to it. On the 27th of the same Month the Government were pleased to sanction the writing off of the balance and adjustment of the Accounts.

2 In offering my recommendation for the destruction of the Bonds, and thereby relieving the Polligars from all fear of future demand, it is my duty to remind you the time limitted for contesting them in a Court of justice is fast passing away as well as the probability of being able to procure the attendance of the witnesses to the Bonds and to the transactions.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 3d February 1838.

Translation of an Address from Becajee Row, late Cashkeeper to the Principal Collector of Madura, dated Connatoor in Thiroomungalum 11th December 1837.

Amongst the Bonds and deeds which I gave up to Government to liquidate the deficiency due by me were some of which I beg to enclose a list, still unpaid by the Zemindar of Ammenaickenoor and others, which are still in the possession of Government; I have heard the parties deny any thing is due from them, but I beg to state such denial is false, and I respectfully entreat you will be pleased to make them over to me, as I am now very poor and have no means of support, when I will endeavour to recover the Amount and support myself and my large family, or, I beg you will be pleased to write to the Board of Revenue and obtain them for me.

(True Translate)
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

List of Unpaid Bonds &ca. remaining with Government

2. Bonds from the Zemindar of Ammayanaikenoor
1. Razeenamah from the Zemindar of Coomauravaddy
1. Engagement of the Zemindar of Vellacottah-
1. Bond of Ramyen of Combaconum-
1. Do. of Histnama Chetty Shroff
2. Decrees of the Madura Zillah Court against the Zemindar of Valiaputty-

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Notes. I have written what I have in my recollection, but if there be any more still unpaid I beg they also may be given up to me.-

(Signed) Becanjee Row
(True Translate)
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 14.

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward an Estimate of Sundry Charges required for Davastanoms &ca. and request sanction for the Amount being defrayed from their respective surplus funds.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
6th February 1838

No. 15.

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

In the [illegible] lands it is, as you are aware, usual to proceed with the "ordinary" murammut as soon as, or even before, the estimate has been submitted to you-

I have often brought to your notice how much is required in this way for the sequestered Zemindary of Shevagunga From sickness and domestic afflictions in different classes of the Civil Engineer's department I have been greatly disappointed in my efforts to have an early estimate laid before you.-

With

With infinite exertion and by means which I shall hereafter have the honor to lay before you I have collected the necessary estimates, amounting to considerably more than a Lac of Rupees, and I am losing no time in putting them into English in the proper form for your examination:- but mean time not a moment should be lost in commencement of the Works in the same way as in the Din talooks; and unless I receive your prohibition within a reasonable time I purpose to make the necessary disbursements from the revenues of the estate, I shall of course avoid to undertake more that I have not a very probability of completing - and I shall be careful not to make the slightest unnecessary expenditure.-

Madura
15th February 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 16.

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to state that no goods were seized nor Confiscated during last Month.-

Madura
15th February 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 17

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to return Petitions, Nos. 3 & 54 of 1838, bearing your indorsements, and received on the 13th, with your letter of the 5th, Instant.-

The Petitioner in No. 3 seems to have been dismissed from employment by lawful authority on the 1st August 1816; since which the present incumbent has been in possession:- On the 17th May 1830, the late Principal Collector passed an order for his restoration on apparently the sole ground that

that he had once enjoyed the Meerassy right - yet, during the 3 years of that Gentleman's subsequent administration, the order was never inforced: Your Board must be aware that many summary orders both unjust and impolitic are obtained from Collectors, but it is to be hoped few such are finally inforced. -

I beg to offer my opinion respecting the petitioners in No. 54 as in entire accordance with that expressed by Government under date the 14th August 1827, (Copy inclosed for your Board's Consideration) and suggest no attention should be paid to them till they complain that their fair and due maintenance is withheld from them by the head of the family by whom they are at this moment protected. -

Madura
16th February 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No. 18

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have, at length, the honor to forward the statements called for in your proceedings of the 24th July exhibitory of the extent, value and dates of all alienations of land revenue, by the late proprietors of the Shevagunga Zemindary: - No. 1 shews all the Mānium and Dhermāsanum villages, granted for the support of Pagodas, Chettrums and other such like purposes; whilst No. 2x shews the villages granted on service (Jivathum) tenures. - The dates of grants are omitted in some villages from the failure of the incumbents to produce their deeds of tenure, and from the surprising irregularity of the Zemindary accounts, where such information is not recorded; - till attachment be resorted to, whereby to work on the fears of the incumbents, the required information cannot be obtained. -

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(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura
17th February 1838 }

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To

No. 19

The President and Members

of the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

In obedience to the instructions contained in your proceedings of the 8th Instant, received only yesterday I beg leave to forward a revised statement, shewing the land I recommend to be granted in lieu of former Maniem land, now unfit; — It is marked No. 1:— and No. 2 shews 4 - items of land that I recommend should be newly given.—

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Total Cawns 107. 13¾
Pay Rs. 183. 4. 1

Madura
20th February 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

To

No. 20

The President and Members

of the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1.— On the 16th, I had the honor to receive your letter of the 12th Instant, giving cover to Petition No. 101 of 1838, (returned)× and desiring me to report upon the subject of it, with reference to the indorsement of the Acting Principal Collector, dated 28th August 1833, on petition No. 113 of 1832, at my earliest convenience.—

× With its accompaniments.

Copy of this Return on Stamp Paper to the Vakeel of the Keelacotay Zemindar, as applied on the 5 Sept. 1859 -

H. [illegible] Thomas
[illegible]

2.— This case has already been twice under my consideration; and I had no hesitation in acceding to the opinions and decisions given respectively on the 19th January and 4th April 1832, by Messrs. Viveash and Wroughton: Under your present instructions the documents connected with the case have been again carefully perused— They seem to bear clear testimony to the identification of the late Soorapa Joghee Gownden (he died on the 18th December 1831) as legitimate head, and actual possessor of the Pollum of Keelacotay; and they seem deserving of full credit (the deposition of the Curnum excepted) on account of their own rank, and on account of the means they had to know the truth:— They prove also that the petitioner,

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Palony Coomāra Gounden, was his near relation and Kārbā
and as such Known by the title of "Siroo Gownden," as the head of the Pollum is, in like manner, entitled "Joghee Gownden." — This verbal testimony is strongly supported by orders from the early collectors, under dates the 4th April 1804, and 8th November 1806, which clearly shew they looked upon Soorapa Gownden as the Polligar. —

Again, when Mr. Collector Peter, in 1826, called upon all polligars to shew the mode of descent in their estates, and to name their heirs, the late Soorapa Gownden shewed his was governed by the usual laws of lineal descent, never reverting to a collateral so long as there were direct lineal descendants, and that the heir apparent was his son, Nagayasamy, a boy of 13 years of age, who did, on his father's decease, rightfully obtain the Pullom. —

I cannot myself doubt that petitioner is an unworthy servant, who has taken advantage of his office and his Master's confidence, and has himself been guilty of those frauds and falsehoods with which he has had the impudence (if my opinion be just) to charge his protector. —

Madura }
20th February 1838 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 21

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

May I request your early attention to my letter of the 31st Ultimo, requesting return of the Office Copies of the statement forwarded with my letter of the 25th February 1837, to save me from the possibility of Error in replying to yours of the 15th Instant, received this day, on the subject of restriction of duty on betel leaf to certain towns in this Collectorate (13 I believe). —

Madura }
26th February 1838 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

To

No. 22.

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I had last night the honor to receive extract from your proceedings of the 19th Ultimo, communicating the information afforded to Government that Jn. Mc. Donald was the only European pensioner of the description required for imparting the art of weaving to the inhabitants of Madura.—

Mc. Donald, as I reported in my letter of the 16th Ultimo to the Chief Secretary, is not equal to the task;—as he, tho' capable as far as ability is concerned, is incapable from intemperate and violent habits, and yesterday received his passport to return to Cuddalore.—

I believe the Inhabitants of this great weaving town would be glad to profit by instruction, and if Government continue to think it desirable to afford them that instruction, I would venture to suggest your recommendation of procuring the service of a proficient in the art from amongst the effective men of Her Majesty's Regiments since no pensioner is capable and available—he might be recalled after 6 or 12 Months: A capital room is provided and looms erected, the expense of which will have been thrown away unless the attempt be prosecuted.—

Madura
2d. March 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No. 23

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward the Sayer statements required by your circular of the 27th Ultimo, this day received.—

Madura 3d. March 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

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No. 24

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1. With reference to my letter of the 31st January, and your answer of the 12th Ultimo, I have the honor to submit a list of Servants requisite for the Management of the assumed Devastanums and Chettroms in the Sheva-gunga Zemindary, amounting to Rupees 6384 per annum, being 5 Rs. 5 anas per Cent on the Collections, and which I think incapable of reduction from the lands being scattered over the whole Zemindary, and the dues receivable in Kind.

2. Had your Board hesitated to permit the assumption of these lands &c. it must now have been carried into effect under precept from the Sudr Udalut under date the 5th Instant.

3. In no instance have the former incumbents of situations been removed without careful consideration and conviction of the necessity; and it seems necessary only to bring to your notice that the Tahsildar is the son-in-law of my Sheristadar, and has been transferred from the Superintendence of the Meenatchee Pagoda in the Fort of Madura, to which he was appointed under your concurrence, under date the 7th December 1835; and it is solely in consequence of the diligence, ability and integrity he there exhibited that I have selected him for the present duty.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collector

Madura 13th March 1838.

No. 25

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

In compliance with the desire expressed in

in the 5th para of your letter of the 1st (received on the 12th) Instant, to be Kept acquainted with what I may do in resumption of alienated lands in the Shevagunga Zemindary, I have the honor to forward for your informa-tion Copy of a Return made this day to a precept of the Provincial Court for the Southern Division, received on the 10th Instant.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collector

Madura 14th March 1838.

No. 26

To

The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter this day addressed with the Marammet Estimates for Shevagunga to the Civil Engineer as I apprehend he purposes visiting Shevagunga before he submits them for your consideration.—

2. With reference to your letter of the 1st Instant I beg earnestly to recommend immediate permission being given me to go on with the works in justice to the inhabitants, the proprietor, and to the Government.

3 The positive mischief alluded to in the 2d. Para of my letter to the Civil Engineer is I fear (I have yet no exact account) equal to 1000 Rupees totally owing to the weakness and insecurity of banks which would have been under repair but for the receipt of your letter of the 1st Instant.—

4 These must now be instantly repaired as "Extra-ordinary," and with this example I trust you will send me early permission to go on with works in the different talooks to the extent of at least 10,000 Rupees, and I beg to impress upon you that every day's delay is an injury to the estate.—

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This should have been more properly entered in the Maram-met portion of the records.—

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5 The estimates have been forwarded on Brown paper as my indent for Stationary for the current year has not yet been complied with.-

Madura 15th March 1838.- (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collecto[r]

No. 27

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

D I have the honor to state there are no returns for the last Month for the following statements.-

Goods confiscated
Salt Confiscated

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

Madura 15th March 1838.-

No. 28

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1- In reply to your letter of the 15th Ultimo, received on the 20th, I beg leave to inform you the lands of the two villages cited as examples of sugar cane assessment in Dindigul in my letter of the 8th December, were considered in Mr. Hurdis's original survey as capable of producing only one crop of paddy; consequently my statement is incapable of receiving an improved modification on that points.-

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2 In fixing the assessment on two crop land in Dindigul Mr. Hurdis seems to have estimated the produce of one Goontah for the Kodai (or mid-summer) Crop, say at

cull.s	12½
and that of the Pishanum (or spring) at	10
Total C.s	22½
Deduct 20 per Cent for village Common expenses (podooselavoo)	4½
	18
The Government half share is	9
Commutation at 4 C. F. per Cullum is C. F.	36.

Maximum tax of 2 crop land in Dindigul C. F. 50.
Minimum do. 16.

The rates on two crop lands vary greatly.-

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In single crop land let us assume the average produce of

1. Goontah at C.s ... 15

Deduct podoo sellavoo at 20 per cent ... 3

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The moiety is the Government share Viz.t ... 6

Commute it at 4. C. F.s per Cul.m leaves as a tax – C. F.s – 24

Single crop lands are also very various in their rates. Maximum of single crop land C. F.s 25 Minimum d.o 2

3 Much land originally assessed as single crop land is now cultivated for two crops and for sugar cane; while other land, originally assessed as two crop land, yields now only one crop, still the tax does not vary so long as the culture is confined to paddy or grain – The accompanying statement A shews how sugar cane land of the survey is now reduced to single crop paddy land, and, vice versâ, how single crop paddy land is now made fit for sugar cane, and pays its assessment, in the village of Buttagoontah, which has been taken for an example: – Land is not considered capable of successive crops of sugar cane; it must be left to recover under less exhausting crops after the 3.d year. –

4. You truly observe that sugar cane requires water for the whole twelve Months of the year – but it is only during 4 or 5.o that the supply is procured in Dindigul from the Government tanks; for the other 7 or 8 it is dependent entirely on wells, the private property of the cultivator, or on running streams. –

5. I beg leave to forward statement B exhibiting the sugar cane culture throughout Dindigul for the Current fusly; Col.5 shews the tax as it now exists; Col. 6. what it would be if the land was sown with paddy; and Col. 7 what it would be under your Board's suggestion of adding a moiety to the paddy cultivation rates. – You will judge from the statement that sugar cane is now only grown on low taxed lands: – If your idea be followed up the tax will perhaps be still light enough to induce the extension of this culture; but if the original view of the authorities at home be given effect to, it is to be hoped the boon will prove of real service to the Cultivator. –

Madura Siradunkanil } (Signed) J. Blackburne
19.th March 1838. – Princ.l Coll.r
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No. 29

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

With reference to my letter of the 15th September I have at length the honor to forward the statements of proposed Moturpha and Veesabuddy taxes for the Zemindaries of Ramnad and Shevagunga.—

Ramnad Moturpha	18139. 11. 1
Ramnad Veesabuddy	14791 " 8
	32930. 11. 9

The Moturpha for this Zemindary in Fusly 1211 was calculated at Rs. 10741. 14. 3.

Shevagunga Moturpha	13606. 5. 7
Shevagunga Veesabuddy	10062 " 2
	23668. 5. 9

In Fusly 1211 the Shevagunga Moturpha was estimated at Rs. 5792. " ".— The present increase may be in some degree owing to increase of trade & Manufactures but it is chiefly owing to several articles being included under the head of Sornadayem, as I had the honor to suggest to you in my letter of the 30th March 1836.— and a reference to your proceedings of the 11th August 1836 will shew the rates assumed in the remissions now made to the estate on that account.—

Madura Davadanapully
23d March 1838
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

No. 30

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Extract from your Proceedings of the 19th Ultimo, and beg to inform you that I have communicated your instructions to the Zemindars of Ediacottah & Naumbauray who are both entirely averse to agreeing to the amount proposed by your Board; and altho' I explained to them that more than the amount proposed by themselves would not be expected for the 3 succeeding fuslies, and that the increase to

Rs.

Rupees 7491- 4- 10 for Ediacottay, and Rupees 1788- 5- 8 for Maumbauray, would only be demanded from Fusly 1251, they positively decline the offer- I see no reason to alter my own opinion on this subject- The soil of the Zemindaries is dry and stoney: the average of 35 years, in which the several highest ones have been included, is too high; and the demand has not been realized in any one year within the last 10- the average of the last 9 years is Rupees 6127- 14- 7 for Ediacottay; and of the last 5 years Rs. 1290- 6- " for Maumbauray, and I do not think the Zemindars would relinquish their ancient property if they could expect to derive the least benifit- The present Fusly Dowle revenue for Ediacottay is Rupees 4242- 6- 9; and for Maumbauray Rupees 813- 5- 6.-

The Hon'ble the Court of Directors observe in their Proceedings that the former settlement of Mr. Hurdis is too high, and there needs no other proof of this than the voluntary relinquishment of the Estates. I am afraid indeed the Zemindars will be hardly able to pay the amount they at present purpose; when I forwarded my former report and suggestion, I did it after full consideration to the interests of Government and the ability of the Zemindars that the amount offered by them would leave them 10 per Cent for their support in good years, and nothing in unfavorable ones; but that by care and outlay the resources of the estate might be increased.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin'l. Collector

Madura
29th. March 1838-

No. 31

To
The President and Members
of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1. I have been for some time engaged in preparing a revised tariff for land customs on

for 10. to 20 per Cent.

on piece goods; the difference of which, when compared with the last, formed in 1832, will perhaps surprise your Board:- I have been long convinced it was much too high, and was oppressing the trade of the country; but I have experienced much trouble in fixing my present valuation, from the interested statements of the Madura Merchants, and from being unable to draw any aid by comparing the Tariffs of Neighbouring collectorates, where the names and descriptions do not tally at all:- you will observe I have made no alteration in the valuation of the Manufactures of other districts. The statement is marked **A**.-

2.- With reference to the Extract from your proceedings of the 15th Ultimo, which I had the honor to receive on the 3rd Instant, I beg leave also to forward a revised Tariff for Gruff goods, marked **B.** for your approval and sanctions.- (Signed) J. Blackburne

Madura 30th March 1838.- Prin.l Collector

No. 32

To The President and Members of the Board of Revenue Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the 10,000 Salt Rowanahs forwarded by Coolies with your letter of the 12th Ultimo.- Signed) J. Blackburne Prin.l Collector

Madura 4th April 1838.-

No. 33

To The President and Members of the Board of Revenue Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

With reference to my letter of the 14th Ultimo I request your permission to pay Monthly, commencing from the 1st Instant, the sum of 500 Rupees to Angoo Moottoo Nachyar, who has established her claim to the Shevagunga Zemindary, & is only kept out of possession in consequence of the arrears which she is at present unable to pay, from the assets of the estate as the ex Zemindar remains in possession of all the personal property, for which a suit has however, been recently instituted in the Provincial Court of Trichinopoly. I no longer recommend an allowance being made to him as proposed in my letter of the 9th May 1837.-

See Min: of Right Hon.ble the Governor 30th June 1835

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The lady resides at Madura and subsists on loans.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura 4th. April 1838.

No. 34

To

The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

As I was led to expect from your letter of the 16th. October, Rengasamey Iyen, Shrotriumdar of Moollapaudy, has at length, during the last Month, made his appearance, presenting the following documents—

1st. a brass deed purporting to be a grant in free gift of the Moollapaudey village for feeding poor persons, by the reigning princess, Mungammal, in the 1621st. year of Salivahana (138 years ago) to the great Grandfather of the present petitioner.—

2d. a Pottah of Mr. Collector Hurdis, dated 8th. October 1796, by which 200 Chks. was fixed as the quit rent of the village, the rest of the proceeds being appropriable to purposes of charity in Maintenance of the Chettrum.—

3d. Another pottah of the same Collector, dated 27th. November 1797, fixing the quit rent at 300 Chukroms, the Moturpha tax at 24 fs. and leaving the rest as before, appropriable for the Charity.—

4 & 5. Two other similar pottahs dated respectively the 27th. November 1798, and 25th. November 1799.—

6. a pottah for 1803, fixing the settlement at Chuks. 655 fs. 2½, of which ¾ was considered due to Government, and the remaining ¼ available for the charity.—

7. a Pottah of Mr. Collector Parish for Ructachy (1804) fixing the settlement at Chks. 748. fs. 8— of which ¾ were the permanent Government quit rent; and the remaining ¼ left to the Shrotriumdar.—

The originals and translates of all these I have the honor to forward with exception that I transmit a Copy only instead of the original brass deed.—

2. In my report on the settlement for fusly 1243, dated 25th. August 1834, I recommended that the future quit rent should be fixed at 700 Rs. and all surplus left to the shrotriemdar, the preceding five years average under the Management of the Collector giving a total of only 810. Rs. a.4. p.8
6.3.—

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and I shewed how entirely incapable the village was of paying even the quit rent alone, which had caused it's being so long kept under assumption: your Boards view will be found in the 42d para: of your proceedings of the 17th September 1835.— and in consequence of your Instructions I reported again upon the case in my letter of the 26th August last.—

3. The Shrotrumindar does not agree to give up his right to the Chettrum on his decease, as required in the 3d para: of your Board's letter under reply.—

Madura 4th April 1838.— (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No. 35

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward an Estimate of Sundry Charges required for Davastanoms &ca. and request sanction for the Amount being defrayed from their respective Surplus Funds.—

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Madura 5th April 1838.— (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No. 36

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1. I was sorry to learn from the 4th para: of your proceedings of the 12th, received on the 19th, Ultimo, that my report of the 3d October last on the arrangement for the collection of the Sayer duties was "not considered satisfactory not calculated to carry out the views entertained by the Board and sanctioned by Government;" and observing that I did not appear to have understood what those views were, desired me to forward a proposal for a Modified establishment at an early period; which I have accordingly the honor to do as shewn in comparison in the accompanying Statement, by which you will perceive the proposed immediate abo:lition of 26 Mettoos, and retention of only the 18 Chokeys and 11 of the Mettoos for places where piece goods are manufactured for export; and a further subsequent reduction of the whole of the Marattah Gomastus em:ployed in the Chokeys to take effect from the Com:mencement of the ensuing fusly:— By the first Mea:sure an immediate reduction of Charges of Collection of

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of Rupees 390 4 " per mensem is proposed; and by the second measure, a further reduction of Rs. 119 " " per mensem: Total Rs. 509¼ per mensem.—

2. Since with all the above establishment and most unremitting care I have not been able to prevent fraud and smuggling to a considerable extent, I cannot but apprehend from this reduction a very serious diminution of the Sayer revenue — and more particularly for the Betel leaf for which, as explained in the 5th para of my letter of the 3rd October, the numerous Mettoos were kept up: I also apprehend from this measure serious difficulties to the growers and disposers of betel leaf in the extended distance to which they will now have to resort for rowanahs to secure their merchandize from fear of confiscation, for I imagine your Board are aware it is often brought to Markets 30 miles distant from the place of growth. Should your Board approve the present proposals I shall be prepared to issue proclamations to effect that no betel will be seized for want of a rowanah in transit to the place of consumption but that the transit duty, and large town consumption duty will be there levied together.—

It may be proper also to observe that the principal places of Manufacture of piece goods are also the chief marts.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Coll.r

Madura 5th April 1838.—

No. 37

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have this day apprized the Magistrate of South Arcot, furnishing him at the same time with all the correspondence that seemed required, that the Ex Zemindar [x] proposes leaving Madura for Cuddalore on the 17th current and will probably be a month in route.—

[x] of Chokum,

Agreeably to your instructions of the 22nd January I put myself into communication with the Magistrate of Tinnevelly on the subject of the property claimed:— That officer denies that Government thro' their

their authorities in Tinnevelly have any thing to say to the claim and tho' the ex-zemindar is entirely dissatisfied with such answer he told me personally the day before yesterday that his next application regarding it should be direct to Government.–

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin^l. Coll^r. & Mag^te.

Madura 7th. April 1838.–

No. 38

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1. In reply to your letter of the 15th. received on the 24th. February, I have the honor to inform you I can find no authority, or correspondence on the subject, of extension of the priviledge of demanding 'town' duty on betel in other than large towns, in direct contempt of the provisions of Section II Regulation VI of 1812. The practise had been in full force long before I took charge of the Collectorate.–

2. I propose to remit the 'town' duty throughout the collectorate with exception of 27 towns, the names of which are shewn in a schedule inclosed.– The total amount of duty collected on betel leaf during six months of this fusly from August to January both inclusive is Rs. 30007. 9. 6.

Total duty - 30007. 9. 6
Deduct transit - 796. 12. 3
Town Duty 29210. 13. 3

The duty Collected during the same period in the 27 towns to which I would restrict the 'town' duty is Rs. 15038. 8. 3.

The 'town' duty proposed to be discontinued amounted during the same period to Rs. 14172. 5. „, and inforcement of the measure will cause a probable annual loss to Government of Rs. 30,000.–

3. The Principal Collector of Tanjore has informed me the 'town' duty is universal in his collectorate:– The rates are for a bundle of 400 leaves in

	Rs.	a.	p.
Tanjore	„	„	7½
Coimbatore	„	„	11
Tinnevelly	„	„	11
Trichinopoly	„	1	3
Maduras	„	1	7

If your Board agree with me in thinking the 'town' duty is too high in this Collectorate I hope you approve the suggestion in the 3^d. para: of my letter of the 2^d. February that it should be reduced to 1 M. F. per 400 leaves.–

The Comparative statement of Collections, required by you

you is inclosed. —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura 7th April 1838. —

No. 39

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward Copy of the precept regarding the attachment of the Devastans &c. in Shevagunga as required by your proceedings of the 26th Ultimo this day received. —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura 7th April 1838. —

No. 40

To
The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

In conformity to your instructions of the 2d Instant, I have the honor to request you will procure me sanction for repayment of Rs. 61 7 7, being fines levied in three cases under Regulation IX of 1822 in the Zemindary of Ramnad, which I now learn from your decision to have been illegal. — The particulars were entered in the Monthly return for January, and the amount levied and entered in the last Months' accounts. — no one is, or has been, imprisoned under these circumstances. —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 10th April 1838. —

No. 41

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

Agreeably to the wishes of the Board to be kept apprized of any orders of the Sudr Udalut respecting the Shevagunga Zemindary I have the honor to forward Copy of their proceedings of the 2d Instant received yesterday. —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 12th April 1838. —

No. 42

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 2d Instant I have the honor to request you will procure me the opinion of the Board if I am at liberty to entertain charges against managers or Superintendents &c. of Devastanums under Regulation

IX of 1822, for offences contrary to the provisions of Section XVI Regulation VII of 1817, in cases where such Devastans are in estates in possession of the proprietors.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

Madura 14th April 1838.-

No. 43

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to state there are no returns for the last Month for the following Statements.-

Quarterly return of Revenue Defaulters confined in the Jail upto 31st March.-

Report of Casualties and Revenue Defaulters released upto Do.

Salt Confiscated.-

Goods confiscated.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

Madura 17th April 1838.

No. 44

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, on the 1st Instant, of the Extract from the Board's proceedings under date the 12th Ultimo, and beg to forward translate and Copy of the order dated 17th May 1830, on Case of Petition No. 3 of 1838;- and to state that the Examination was not reduced to writing but founded simply on personal inquiry by Mr. Viveash, the petitioners name being included in a list with 46 others - of whom only 33 were eventually put into possession of their ancestors meerassies.-

Returned
Enclosures are kept in the records.

When I took charge of this Collectorate in 1834 I found great confusion prevailing from the arbitrary removals and appointments that had taken place, and in reporting on Petition No. 13 of 1834, on the 21st April 1834, I took occasion to state my view of the more proper mode of proceeding & begged the Board either to authorize my acts under it, or to give me any other rule for future guidance: not being favor'd with any notice of my communication the principles there laid down have been my rule of action, and have been so far, acquiesced in in the Collectorate that I have now no trouble with such complaints and few orders passed in conformity have been

appealed

appealed to the Board and not one reversed.—

Madura 17th April 1838.— (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin[l]. Collector

No. 45

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

Looking over the draft of one of my letters of the 4th Ultimo I observe the 2nd para is left unfinished,— as I fear the same omission exists in the Copy forwarded to the Board I request you will be good enough to substitute the accompanying one, under the same date for it.— (Signed) J. Blackburne

Madura 3rd May 1838. Prin[l]. Coll[r]. D

No. 46

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

A precept from the Zillah Court of the 2nd Instant having cancelled the previous one of the 7th March, directing Ungoomootoo Nachyar to be put in possession of the Shevagunga Zemindary on paying off the arrears, I have the honor to advise the Board of Revenue of the circumstance, as my recommendation under date the 4th Ultimo of an allowance of 500 Rs. per mensem being made to her for subsistence &ca. from the proceeds of the estate would, under the altered circumstances, be improper.— R

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Madura 5th May 1838. Prin[l]. Collector

No. 47

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an Estimate of Sundry Charges required for Davastanums & request sanction for the amount being defrayed from their respective surplus funds.— D

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Madura 7th May 1838.— Prin[l]. Collector

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No. 48

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1.- On the 5th Instant I had the honor to receive your Communication, of the 30th Ultimo, of the Board's desire for a report in detail of the circumstances that induced me to give a revised decision, directly at variance with a former one, in case of the Petition No. 366 of 1838 (herewith returned with its inclosures); and their reproach for neglect of official usage in not having made them acquainted with it after they had already approved of the first decision.-

2.- The decision of the 27th February, as already shewn to the Board in my indorsement of the 19th January last, was passed on the report of the Manager of Ramnad, and its confirmation of the 29th June in reference to, and in repetition of, that indorsement. Further circumstances inducing suspicion of the correctness of my decision it became necessary to refer to the original documents, when it appeared that the (Hararnamah) obligation of 1st December 1830, on which Gopaul Reddy founds his claim, had not the signature of his adversary, or of any attesting witness, and that it was not a legal document:- Whilst the amblom register had the name of Chinna Sokkapa Reddy's grand father as sole proprietor and his and his heirs enjoyment of the priviledges was proved satisfactorily.-

3- It is very true I did not make the Board aware of my revised decision as I should have done; nor can I now recollect the cause of the omission; very probably it was press of business, being engaged in the investigation of the Shevagunga revenue, at a distance from Madura, with only one English writer on circuit with me; at all events, it was not done designedly: but, lest the Board, having come to the knowledge of this omission, should adopt an opinion that there may be many similar ones I beg you will inform them that to the best of my belief it is the only case in which there was room for a

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communication of the kind that has occurred since I took charge of the collectorate.- (Signed) J. Blackburne
Madura 8th May 1838. Prinl. Collr.

No. 49
To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George
Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the information of the Board Copy of a return made this day to a precept from the Provincial Court of appeal under date the 7th instant.- (Signed) J. Blackburne
Madura 10th May 1838. Prinl. Collr.

No. 50
To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George
Sir,

1. In answer to the 3d. para of your letter of the 23d. Ultimo, received on the 6th. Instant, I beg leave to state for the information of the Board that under the reduced establishment, and their disapproval of the proposition to restrain the town duty on Betel leaf to 27 towns, as appeared to me to be the contemplation of the Regulations, it is really impossible for me to prevent smuggling and the Government receipts from this article will therefore fall off greatly during the remainder of the fusly.-

2. If the Board determine to revert to the system of renting there is little doubt the usual revenue will be secured, because the talook renters will subrent by villages and the duties will be collected precisely as heretofore: and I am satisfied, with the present reduced establishment, there is no other means of realizing this revenue.-

3. With reference to the 5th para of your letter under reply the Board will be aware that each betel garden is within the limits of a Chokey. Let us take for instance one at Woottangoody, 4 Miles from Madura, but in the Chokey of Melur, in which

Talook

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talook it is situated, and from which, consequent on reduction of one of the dependent Mettoos, the rowanah must be procured, tho' it is distant 14 Miles. Is it not a serious hardship that the betel retailer who wishes to dispose, at Madura, of his betel grown there, should have first to carry it to Melur, 14 Miles, to procure the rowanah to certify payment of the inland duty of 5 per Cent; to return 14 Miles, and proceed past this village, 4 Miles more, to Madura, making a total of 32 Miles carriage, to say nothing of the injury received by the article in its freshness? The only way I see to meet this difficulty is to issue a proclamation prohibiting the seizure of betel leaf under any Circumstances in transit, but rendering it certain of confiscation, if attempted to be sold without a rowanah certifying the payment of both inland and town consumption duty, provided the place of sale be within 5 Miles of any Choukey. In all other places it must be sold free of duty because there is no convenient Chokey at which it can be Collected. But as such a proclamation will have the effect the Board decline to sanction of Confining the town duty to 27 towns, or very nearly so (there being only 18 Chokeys and 11 Mettoos in the Collectorate) I shall not issue it till I am apprized they understand my meaning and afford me instructions for my guidance. Meantime the greatest part consumed will be done so clandestinely and a few honest ryots, who will hesitate to incur the risk of purchasing the smuggled article, will be compelled to dispense with it; and the betel gardners, if a remedy be not speedily applied, will be obliged to abandon that species of cultivation.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin^l. Collector

Madura 15th. May 1838.

No. 51.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to state there are no returns for

for the last Month for the following Statements.-

Goods Confiscated

Salt Confiscated

Madura 16th May 1838.- (Signed) J. Blackburne

Prinl. Collector

No. 52

To

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Sir,

1.- Bommaloo Gownden of Sholarombo proposes to erect two Chettrums, at a cost of Rs. 1000 each, one at Chutraputty, on the high road from Dindigul, by Pylney, to the western coast and Dharapooram, & for the repair of which I believe the Civil Engineer has already submitted an estimate in the department of public works, and a second at Sholarombo, on the high road from Dindigul to Caroor, and also to Dharapoorum, viâ Edeacotah, which is the road frequented by troops; and for the repair of which an estimate must be some time hence submitted.- R

2.- From Dindigul to Oopalaputty, where a cross road from Vedasundoor runs into it, and just two Miles beyond the junction of the great Madura and Kunnevady road, is fifteen Miles; and at this place is a most inefficient choultry, for which Government have granted a Maniem of 60 Rs. per annum - Notice of resumption was issued in February last in case the propristor did not build a proper house of reception.-

From Oopalaputty, past Veerapatchee, to Chuttraputty, where it is proposed to build the Chettrum, is a little short of 7 Miles and from thence to Pylney is 9 Miles. It is important there should be two Chettrums between Dindigul and Pylney.-

3. From Dindigul to Sholarombo, where the Vedasundoor road passes to Oopalaputty, and from which it is distant 8 Miles, is eleven Miles - Thence to Edeacotay 7 and thence to Dharapoorum 20.-

4.- If the Board will sanction their erection the usual application for Maniem lands shall be made on their completion.- and I would urge the Board by no means

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to withhold their sanction as these buildings are of exceed-
-ing use both as a convenience to the people generally
and in point of police and increasing the wealth of the
collectorate in affording encouragements to the Merchant.
The scite proposed for the second Chettrum is entirely
in conformity with the general rules. - That for the first
is not so unexceptionable but a better selection cannot be
made with reference to salubrity and vicinity of population
and water: and the buildings proposed to be erected are
unexceptionable in point of size convenience & durability. -

Madura } (Signed) J. Blackburne
20th May 1838. } Prinl. Collector

No. 53.

To

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Sir, Fort St. George

1.- In answer to your letter of the 14th, dispatched
on the 18th, and this minute received, I have the honor to state,
for the information of the Board of Revenue, that I have
never lost sight of the wishes of Government, communicated
thro' them, regarding the Roman Catholics of this Collectorate,
but I have hitherto been unable to obtain the returns from
the Ramnad Zemindary, whither requests for information
have been forwarded on the dates shown in the Margin. -
I believe the principal number of this persuasion are to be
found in that Zemindary - will you do me the favor to in-
-form me if the Board wish to have the return exclusive
of Ramnad, which is ready. -

30th Jany. 1838.
31st. March "
14th. April "
1st. May "
16th. Do. "

2. Will you do me the favor to procure me the
Board's opinion how I am to enforce a return from a
Zemindar in possession when the omission does not
proceed from contumacy or ill-will, but from indifference
to the request of the Collector or from such want of
ability or habits of procrastination in his district offi-
-cers and himself as renders it a work of time. - The
method I am in the habit of pursuing is repeatedly

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reminding them of my wishes and when they are nearly hope-
-less, with threats to bring the circumstance to the Notice of
the immediate Superior authority. -

Madura Thiroomungalum } (Signed) J. Blackburne
21st May 1838. - - - Prin. Collector

No. 54.

To

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

Your communication of the 17th Instant of the Board's wishes for the inclosed papers reached me on Circuit on the 23d and as I had not the originals with me I have been obliged to delay their transmission till my return this day. -

7th March
30th April
7th May

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Madura 25th May 1838. - Prin. Collector

To

No. 55

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have just had the honor to receive your letter of the 21st Instant pointing out to me, by direction of the Board, my omission to forward report of the examination of my treasury in last Month, directing me to forward it now, and desiring me in future, when circumstances prevent such exami-nation, to report the cause; and I request you will be so good as to inform the Board I cannot now supply the omission as I did not examine the treasury during the Month in question; and the reason was that knowing the wish of Government that the treasury should be examined from time to time by subordinates as a check upon the Collector, I was no sooner apprized of the expected arrival of the Head Assistant to take charge of his office, than I postponed the examination by myself to be undertaken by him. - He reported his arrival on the 29th of the Month, but the change of his destination being commu-nicated to him the same day he did not join, and I was pre-vented doing myself the pleasure of forwarding his certi-
-ficate;

:ficate;--but I examined it myself on the 2d. of this, the following Month, as you must have been since made aware:-and I request you will do me the favor to inform the Board that in future when I cannot examine the treasury during the Month I will intimate the same to them: I believe this is the first time, and, at Most, the second, such an omission has occurred in the last four years during which I have had charge of this Collectorate.-

Madura 28th. May 1838.- (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 56.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the tariff forwarded with my letter of the 30th. March I request you will be so good as to correct an error in the article of Salt petre which should be valued at 30 instead of 50 Rupees, the former tariff value being 40 not 80 Rs.; and I request you will inform me of having made the correction that I may make a similar one in the Office Copy.—

Madura }
31st. May 1838.- } (Signed) J. Blackburne.
Prinl. Collector

No. 57

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1.- I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, on the 18th. of your letter of the 10th. Instant, together with Copy of one from the Chief Secretary of the 1st. of the same Month, with its accompaniments (returned), regarding the claim of one styling himself Joagy Cownden, alias Palany Cownden, to the Zemindary of Keelacotay in this Collectorate.

2. Before adverting to the several points of the Chief Secretary's letter it may be convenient briefly to recapitulate the progress of this petitioners various attempts for

for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.—

In 1831 the petitioner first preferred his claim to Mr. Wroughton, Sub Collector in charge, who referred it for examination to the Tahsildar of Thiroomungalum;— whose report and accompanying documents were considered by the late Head Sheristadar, and by him communicated to Mr. Wroughton, who dismissed the claim on the 19th. Janry. 1832, and put Nagasamy Cownden in possession, as eldest son and rightful heir to the deceased Joagy Cownden, who had been in possession since 1796:— Petitioner made his appeal to the Principal Collector, Mr. Viveash, who confirmed Mr. Wroughton's decision on the 4th. April 1832; and mean time addressed the Board of Revenue on Petition No. 113 of 1832 which was referred by them by indorsement, on the 22d. March of the same year, to the Principal Collector:— This was subsequently received by Mr. Wroughton, when acting Prinl. Collector, who rejected the petition by indorsement on the 28th. August 1833 on the grounds that he had no just right to the Pollium:— Petitioner then carried his claim before Government in No. 1785 of 1834, to which the Prinl. Collector was directed to answer by indorsement, under date 17th. February 1835:— This was done by me simply rejecting the prayer of the petition on the 17th. March 1835, as a case already definitively disposed of.— But previously to this, and about 8 Months after I had been entrusted with charge of this Collectorate, petitioner addressed himself direct to me on the 29th. October 1834, when I considered & entirely concurred in the grounds on which Messrs. Wroughton and Viveash had already rejected his claim, and gave him an indorsement to that effect; and I had lastly the honor to address the Board on this subject on the 20th. February last, in answer to the Petition No. 101 of 1838.—

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3.- Tho' fully satisfied in my own mind of the substantial justice in the case from the investigations held by my predecessors, from the reviews I had taken of them and from the notoriety of the truth, I deemed it my duty, on receipt of the orders of Government, to renew the investigation on oath, and immediately proceeded, for that purpose, to the talook of Throomungalum, in which the pollum in question is situated, and took the statements of the petitioner and his adversary the possessor of the estate;- of the Zemindars of Nadacotay and Mailacotay, which, with the one in dispute, formed originally a single estate, and was devided by family compact before the country fell into the hands of the Company;- of three aged cultivators of the estate and
No. 1 & 8. of one near relation of the contending parties - all agree in proving Nagasamy Counden's right to the estate, in succession to his father, Joagy Cownden, deceased, who had been in possession since 1796; and all proved the petitioner to have been only the near relation and Carbar of the deceased Joagy Cownden - In corroboration of this evidence I caused an enquiry (verbal to prevent over loading the record of the case) to be made amongst the assembled cultivators in presence of the two parties, when Nagasawmy Cownden was universally pointed out as Zemindar by right, and the Petitioner as Carbar to the father of the former.-

The Zemindars of Nadocotay and Mailcotay acknow-ledge they never received any Istimrar sunnud for their estates;- and the deposition of the Tasildar of Throomun-
No. 9 -galum seems to me a singularly strong corroboration of the fraudulence of Petitioner's claim, in as much as he
No. 26. was present and acquiesced in the recorded deposition of the deceased Joagy Cownden, as to the future succession of his son, Nagasamy Cownden, to the estate - Add to this the documents No.s 19 & 20, being detail of the Istimrar and Muchelka given in Fusly 1213 which have been found in

in the records bear the signature of Joagy Cownden, the deceased father of the present possessor, greatly dissimilar to that of the Petitioner - This evidence seems to me all that is requisite to dispose of the substantive question Viz. the propriety of rejecting petitioner's claim.-

4 It now remains to be considered how the petitioner, if he be not the rightful owner, should have possession of a permanent Istimrar sunnud for the estate and other documents of minor importance. - It is credible, as stated in the Zemindar's deposition, that the minor documents may have been with-held by petitioner, in whose custody all were in virtue of his office of Carbar, and they do not seem of sufficient consequence to call for further investigation, and the Chief Secretary has fully pointed out the informalities and suspicious character of the document - informalities quite sufficient to invalidate it as a legal document, with consideration of which point I shall therefore entirely dispense, and proceed to trace the means by which it came into petitioners possession.-

It appears that forty Istimrar sunnuds, with their corresponding Cabooleats, were forwarded to Mr. Collector Parish, in 1805, for distribution to the Mittahdars in Dindigul, but from the constant resales of their estates & apparent necessity for resumption, the sunnuds were consigned to the records without a single one having been given, and before any of the blanks were filled up. - There is not the slightest trace of an Istimrar sunnud having been forwarded for any of the ten Lesser Zemindaries of Madura - they have been given for the two large ones of Ramnad and Shevagunga alone.-

In the addresses of Petitioner to Messrs. Wroughton & Viveash, and even to myself in October 1834, no allusion whatever is made to the Istimrar sunnud: - the first mention of it appears in the latter part of the 2d. para

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of the Petition to the Board (No. 101 of 1838) in which Petitioner intimates his possession of it, and that he had
No. 1.- received it from Mr. Hurdis at Dindigul in 1805:- aware of Mr. Hurdis' having left this part of the country in 1803, I pointed out the over sight to him, when he maintained it was given by Messrs. Hurdis and Parish together, at Dindigul, in 1805.-

No. 4 In answer to a question, the Mailcotay Zemindar stated that he heard from the petitioner's son that his father had obtained the sunnud surreptitiously from Mr. Clarke, the record Keeper in my office;- This induced me to issue a search warrant, when the petitioner brought from his house a great variety of documents, which were perused, and five only seeming to bear on the question, the rest were returned to him- They are numbered 21. 22. 23. 24 and 25.

No. 12. Ponnia Pillay states that petitioner's servant informed him the sunnud had been obtained from Mr. Clarke.-

No. 14 Hasson-ud-deen, formerly vakeel for the petitioner, deposes that he learned from the petitioner and his son they knew where the sunnud was to be had, that it must be procured, but that 80 Rupees, which had been offered, was refused as insufficient.-

Nos. 21. 22. 23 & 24 In his letters from Madras, all dated in the present year, Sooria Counden encourages his father (the petitioner) to be under no apprehension respecting the Istimrar Sunnud, and advises him how to answer certain questions he anticipates may be put to him, and how to affix his signature.- and these letters are acknowledged by Petitioner to be from his son.-

No. 25. In the Cadjan document, dated 2d. September 1834, admitted to be in petitioner's hand writing, but which was never despatched to its destination, he clearly directs his Conicopoly to pay money & obtain some document,

document, the particulars of which are not distinguished.–

5. No list is to be found with the letter accompanying the Istimrar sunnuds, tho' surely the original would be forthcoming in the Government or Boards' Office, but by a Statement of the Collector it would appear 40 were left in the records by No. Mr. Parish– Thirty eight only are to be found and only 33 Cabooleats:– One of the missing sunnuds is no doubt that produced by the petitioner; and I shall leave no means untried for the discovery of the other.–

6.– It seems evident to me that Sooria Coonden has instigated and misled his father, the petitioner, and has been the principal mover in fraudulently and surreptitiously obtaining the Istimrar sunnud from my record office, about the end of 1834; and that he has subsequently committed or suborned the commission of forgery, in altering the substance of the Istimrar sunnud, and debiting it as a lawful deed;– and that he is also guilty of conspiracy for the above fraudulent purposes; but I am also of opinion there is not sufficient evidence to warrant his Committal for trial.–

7.– With regard to petitioner's charge against the late Head Sheristadar, Ramasamy Iyer, I learn that he did in fact hold at one time 11 shares in the ain village of Olaganey, adjoining this pollum, but that he disposed of 6 previous to his own decease; and the other 5 have been since disposed of by his brother– He does not appear to have had any land in the Pollum.–

8.– There seems little doubt, as before remarked, that the Istimrar Sunnud was surreptitiously procured from my record office at the end of 1834: Mr. Clarke has held the office of record Keeper since 1829; he denies No. 1 all knowledge of the transaction, and maintains his opinion the Istimrar Puttahs had not been touched

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at all since he took charge, as, when they were examined in consequence of this investigation, they were precisely in the same state in the parcel as before; and that considering them as useless papers he had never had either order, time or inclination to examine them since they were first committed unopened to his custody.— Mr. Clarke is so far implicated by the office being in his charge – by the reason there is to believe the sunnud was abstracted in the end of 1834, and the hearsay evidence pointing direct to him, that I have thought it my duty to suspend him, awaiting your instructions for a simple dismission, if you think proper, for I do not think there is any sufficient evidence to put him on his trial before the Criminal Court, or even to try him under Regulation IX 1822. – but my impression now is that he should be dismissed as having no further occasion for his services in consequence of the abstraction of the documents.—

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No. 1 to 27.
as per List
are kept
in the Records.

9 – The Board may be inclined to ask why a charge of neglect does not lie at my own door – nor, believing, as I do, that the sunnud has been abstracted since I took charge of the collectorate, can I exculpate myself to my own satisfaction. – By my reports and by answers to the Boards queries they will be aware that improve-ments have been taking place generally from time to time in the arrangement safe custody and reduction of the records. – I have learned from the extraordinary accuracy with which dates of papers of distant dates have been given me, and from copies of others that have been presented to me, that it must have been a practise, and perhaps up to a very late hour to furnish these from my office. – As nothing is to be feared from publicity I was vexed only because it proved the lax view some of those employed under me held of their moral obligations, and I attempted

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to meet the evil by a peremptory prohibition to any one to continue the highly improper practise of employing private paid Gomastus to assist in doing their duty; and as the evil had risen to a great extent I even went to the harsh extremity of prohibiting the servants bringing their sons or relations with them to initiate them in office routine, with a view to their future employment. - and I continue at every leisure moment to give my attention to the records in common with the other duties to which I have to attend. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin'l. Collector

Madura
31st May 1838. -

No. 58

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1. - In reply to your letter of the 28th Ultimo just received, I have the honor to inclose a list of Mettoos with the Monthly expenditure that I deem necessary for the due protection of a principal portion of the duties given up by the reduction of the establishment on the 5th April. -

2 With reference to the 4th para of your transmission of the Boards wishes I take the liberty to request to be informed if I am correct in considering them to direct the rent of betel leaf by talooks from the ensuing fusly; and if so, I would suggest it would be better to consent to the loss of a portion of the duties for the few days before the end of the fusly, rather than disturb the minds of the people by re-establishing Mettoos to be again withdrawn in so brief a space. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin'l. Collector

Madura 2d. June 1838. -

No. 59

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will

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bring to the notice of the Board their resolution of the 5th February and permit me, if I have been rightly inform:ed that Annajee Rao has obtained permanent employ in North Arcot, to nominate Trimul Rao to the vacant situation of Naib Sheristadar in my own office.-

The want of a Naib has pressed heavily on me for many Months, especially during the assump:tion of the Shevagunga Zemindary.-

Madura 2d June 1838.- (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

No. 60

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 21st Ultimo, I have, at length, the honor to forward a Statement, shewing the Number of Roman Catholic Inhabitants, and the income derived to churches and Schools in this Collectorate, as required in a letter from the Honorable Court of Directors dated 30th August 1837, forwarded with an Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date 8th January last.-

Enclosure [illegible] [illegible]

Madura 9th June 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

No. 61.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to state, there are no Returns for the last Month for the following Statements.-

Salt Confiscated
Goods Confiscated

Madura 9th June 1838.- (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

No. 62.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have

I have the honor to forward an Estimate of Sundry Charges required for Davastanoms, and request sanction for the amount being defrayed from their respective surplus funds.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

Madura 9th June 1838.—

No. 63

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I had yesterday the honor to receive the extracts from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue of the 7th of last Month, giving cover to Copies of the General Consultation of 14th March, and of Capt.n Taylor's Memo: on the establishment of District posts, and requiring my sentiments on the various suggestions contained in the Memo: with the least practical delay, and in obedience I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter addressed by me to the Madras post Master General under date the 13th March 1834, which seems to give all the material information required on the subject as connected with this Collectorate.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

Madura
13th June 1838

No. 64

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

In returning petition No. 384, just received, I have the honor to report for the Board's information that, examination of the village Curnum and of other individuals and documents, induces me to believe the Petitioner is entitled only to the original Maniem land allotted for the parent village of Woorjanputty, and not to the 8 Koolies, allotted in fusly 1224, to the two dependent hamlets of Hurdisnagrum and Parishnagrum.— Petitioner's complaint

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=plaint was already once rejected by me on the 25th Decem=
=ber 1837.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

Madura 14th June 1838.-

No. 65

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

Sooltan pillay, agent of Royabutter, Merchant at Trevandrom in Travancore, Exported, in November last, for Madras, Croton nuts and Coir rope, but owing to adverse winds and unforeseen difficulties, he was induced to request per=mission to land the articles at Paumben, in conformity to Clause second section VI Regulation II of 1812- He now states that as the articles have been damaged he is unable to pay the Export duty, and entreats permission to re-export the articles to Madras where he will pay the usual import duty- On the tariff rates of this place, the duty is 25 Rs. 14 as - whereas at Madras he says he will have to pay only Rs. 5. 10 as - I therefore beg to be favored with the Board's instructions on the subject.-

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(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

Madura 15th June 1838.-

No. 66.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

On receipt, on the 4th May, of your communication of the 26th April of the instructions of Government relative to the claim of the Rameswarem Pagoda to a participation in the pearl fishery on the Coast of Ceylon, I called upon the Manager of Ramnad, and the Pundarum of Rameswarum, to produce the documents pointed out by the Colonial Secretary of Ceylon, and I have the honor to forward with translate, Copies of those with which the latter has supplied me; being only for the ten years between 1796 and 1814 in which fisheries took place;- and I beg to transmit his explana=tion that the rest of the accounts are not forthcoming, from having been transferred to Ramnad pending some prior investigation, and from having been displaced and lost for the moment from destruction of the strings by which the Cad=jans had been united;- and that he possessed no docu=ments

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+ Original Cad=jans retained in my office.

Inclosures are kept [illegible] the books.

documents under the signatures of the Portuguese or Dutch authorities.–

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

Madura 15th June 1838.–

No. 67

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1.– I have the honor to request you will bring to the particular notice of the Board that in the 3d. page of the Demand Collection and Balance statement there are exhibited only two items of balance. Viz.

Land Revenue for fusly 1245	127 - 15 - 9
Advances for Cultivation Do.	165 - 7 - 6
	293 - 7 - 3

Of the land revenue balance 27 - 15 - 9 has just been collected, and the remaining Rupees 100 is a tax put upon waste lands at the settlement of 1245, and I think may very fairly be remitted under the circumstances reported by me on the 31st. August last para: 13.–

With respect to the balance on account of Advances for Cultivation I beg to inclose a list of defaulters, and request you will remind the Board thro' deficit was not the advance for one season only, but the accumulation of previous ones, and for which gross neglect the Tahsildar was suspended, as shewn in my letter of the 21st. September 1836.– I have neglected no means to recover this balance because I think the defaulters took advantage of the Tasildar's supineness, and have sold all the lands for which I could find purchasers:– The defaulters are very poor and I think it highly desirable the amount should be remitted, but I do not doubt to be able to recover it, if Government are unwilling to renounce their claims, in the course of two or three years, according to the nature of the seasons:– The whole of the advances for the current fusly (1247) have been recovered.–

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From Board 6th Octr & 4th Decr 1837 & 7th January 1838
To Board 21st November & 17th Decr 1838.

2. I take this opportunity also to request you will beg the Board's consideration of the claim of Roodrapa Naick to a remission of Rs 94 - 2 - " to which they have already declared him entitled, on account of his abkary rent, in consequence of the unexpected removal of the head quarters of a Regiment of Sepoys from Dindigul.-

3.- Should the Board think good to recommend either or both these sums to be remitted, I hope they will have the goodness to procure me the necessary sanction before the close of the Current fusly and thereby relieve me from the necessity of monthly returning insertions during next fusly.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
Vellanadhee
21st June 1838.-

No. 68.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

Your letter of the 11th Instant induces me to fear you have over looked the necessity for the Board's sanction to the proposed revision of the Tariff, if it meets their approbation. If I am mistaken in thinking it has been laid aside under the impression that no orders are requisite, and that it is in fact awaiting their leisure to take it into consideration I beg to apologize for troubling you.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
Vellanadhee
21st June 1838.-

No. 69

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to report a representation

representation of the Sub Collector that a piece of land paying an assessment of Rs. 36 - 7 - 9 Cultivated in dunyinadangal of fusly 1246 in the Nellacottah Talook, perished in the sprout, and the tax ought to have been remitted, but before an answer was received to a reference made to me it was Collected by the Tasildar, remitted to the Treasury and Entered in the accounts for March last. - I beg you will be good Enough to procure me Sanction for repaying the amount to the Cultivator. -

Madura }
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22d June 1838. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 70

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the result of the biddings for the abkarry rent for the ensuing fusly in comparison with the actual rent of the current one; and another of the Collections on that head in former fuslies. - There will be seen a net increase in the whole district of Rupees 920 - where the biddings have fallen below the rent of the Current fusly it is to my knowledge fairly attributable to the severity of the last fusly from which the Ryyuts are only now begining to recover. -

Enclo. in rec.

Fusly 1247
Rs. 42,241.
Fusly 1248
Rs. 43,161

All the bidders have undertaken to produce the usual security by the end of the Month, and I therefore request you will procure me the Board's sanction for final acceptance of the proposals. -

Madura }
27th June 1838. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

To -

No. 71.

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To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1. Annasamy Saithooputhy, who contested the claim of Shevagunga Nachyar to the Puttum of the Ramnad Zemindary, married Moottoo Veerayee Nachyar, eldest daughter of Moonyandee Tawer, and died without issue pending the appeal before the King in Council and whilst on the point of death authorized his wife to adopt her second (being also the youngest) brother, Ramasamy Tawer, which she accordingly did; and in May 1829 Ramasamy was installed as Saithoopathy on the Puttum agreeably to the decision in appeal but within a year afterwards viz: in April 1830 he fell a victim to small pox, leaving behind his widow, Perea Nachyar, alias Sarooboo Vendonee Nachyar with two infant daughters Munguleshwaree Nachyar, aged 5, and Dooray Raja Nachyar aged 3 years, under the guardianship and management of the said Moottoo Veerayee Nachyar, and their common elder brother Moottoo Chella Tawer, which arrangement was approved of by Government under date the 28th May 1830. And in February 1831, the heiress, Munguleshwaree Nachyar, was betrothed to Ramasamy Tawer eldest son of the Manager then in the 14th year of his age, and the Sherotaly tied with all usual ceremonies and publicity, and the circumstance reported to the Collector as will be seen in the accompanying copy and translate of address dated 4th February 1831.

The enclosures as per Letter kept in the Records.

2. All Letters from the Collector were addressed in the united names of the Ranee and her brother, as guardian and Manager; and all Letters to the Collector bore the united signatures in the same order: The correspondence as I am given to understand and as appears probable, with the Talook authorities was carried on in the name of the Manager alone because the rank of the Ranee and the prejudices of education made it desirable she should not appear in public; but she is generally admitted to be a lady of intelligence and capacity for business: The Managers economy and punctuality in payment of kist I have frequently had the honor to bring to the Board's notice, as also an intelligence in the administration of

the finances of the country superior to the generality of natives in power.

3. In March last Moonyandee Taven, the father of the Manager of the Guardian and of the last deceased Saithoopathy died, leaving also two married daughters Mootiah Nachyar and Shevarajee Nachyar each of whom had a son respectively of the ages of 6½ and 6 years. At the celebration of the funeral ceremonies a want of respect in the part of the Manager's wife towards the Ranee raised her anger; a quarrel commenced that shortly became inappeasable and the Ranee now pretends to an exclusive right to the disposal of the heiress in marriage and to assume the insignia and management of the Zemindary - and has accordingly plucked away the Sherootaly and professes her intentions to bestow her neice, or grand-daughter by adoption, who has attained the age of puberty some months, on the boy of 6½ years of age, the son of her second sister.

4. Not to trouble the Board with a number of extraneous and lengthy complaints and recriminations I have taken and translated one from each of the four principal parties interested, and scarcely think it necessary even thus briefly to notice the falsehood or duplicity of the Ranee or her fears of conscience - or that the accusation of malversation against the Manager at such a juncture is the effect of passion.

5. I have the honor to request you will lay the above facts before the Board and obtain me their early instructions for my guidance.

I would advise that the Board should encourage, by the weight of their authority, a compromise in the existing state of things viz: the completion of the marriage between the heiress and the Manager's son; with reservation of dignity and respect to the dowager Nachyar next to the young Ranee, and continuation of the administration to the present Manager at the will of the young Ranee, and her husband, subject

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to the Boards being consulted before any change should be admitted; and giving the Manager express authority to dismiss at once the Seemay Paishkar, Samy Vyan, who, as the partizan and adviser of the Ranee in the present dispute, cannot fail to disturb the just administration of a district in which he has authority independent of his nominal superior.

And I beg you will inform the Board that mean time I have desired all respect to be paid to the Ranee and given her a couple of Pheloyets to calm the fears of personal insult which she pretends to have:- and receive the communications from the Manager under his own signature alone the same as if bearing both his and the Ranee's, tho' mine to Ramnad are always addressed as usual in their united names.-

Madura
27th June 1838.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne.
Princl. Collr.

No. 72

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 21st. Instant just received, I request you will inform the Board that to my apprehension, the precept of the Acting Judge of the 7th. March directed the Nachyar should be put in possession of the Shevagunga Zemindary on paying the arrears of Revenue; and that I considered the precept of the Register in charge of the 30th. April, incorrectly stated in my letter of the 5th. May as of the 2d. Instant, as annuling the previous precept of the acting Judge.-

Madura
29th. June 1838-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin'l. Collector

No. 73

To

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, on the 12th of your Letter dated the 4th Ultimo, and beg leave to enclose the Statement therein required. The Statement B, forwarded with my Letter of 19th March, was prepared on estimate, the present is on the actual settlement just concluded, which will account for the difference of the fraction. R

Madura
2d July 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 74

To

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's proceedings of the 28th Ultimo, and to state in reply that in fusly 1212 the name of Tholasee Sheragaren (Petitioner's father) was entered for the parent village of Woonjonputty and the Ma=nium allotted is 13 Cht. and 8 3/4 ft.: Vadaveeren Naicken's is entered for Vadaveera Naicken hamlet, Manium 11 Cht. and 5 1/2 ft.; Chinnama Naicken for the hamlet of Poorvoourputty, Manium 4 Cht. and 2 3/4 ft.: these 2 last mentioned hamlets are not now in dispute. In fusly 1224 the name of Mootoo Caumatcher Gounden was entered as Nattamkar for Hurdisnagarum, Mani=um 4 Cht.; and Kunnya Gounden for Parishnagarum, Manium 4 Cht. In fusly 1234 Petitioner's father and the Nattamgars of Hurdisnagarum and Parishnagarum were dismissed, and suc=ceeded by Sholay Sheragaren, Namasevoya Mudely, and Pettha Naicken, who were all dismissed in fusly 1236, when Petitioner's father, Tholasee Sheragaren, and Kunnya Gounden, father of Petitioner's Opponent Goundy Sheragaren, were re-appointed; the R

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former enjoyed the Maniam allotted for the parent village of Woonjanputty, and the latter for the 2 hamlets. On the death of Petitioner's father, his (Petitioner's) Elder brother, Thalaseer Sheragairen, jointly with him enjoys up to the present period the Maniam allotted for the parent village of Woonjanputty, but have never performed the duties of the 2 hamlets or enjoyed any part of the 8 Chs. Maniam, but which is enjoyed exclusively by Petitioner's Opponent, Goudy Sheragairen, and his father Kunnya Goundeir, - there are no Documents to shew Petitioner's right to participate in it -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
3rd July 1838.

No. 75.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Bill for Charges incurred for the Ex-Zemindar of Chockumputty, and request you will be so good as to obtain the sanction of Government for Rupees 826-11-" the amount charged in the accounts of this Collectorate.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
4th July 1838.

Particulars of Amount paid to the Ex-Zemindar of Chockumputty as per Extract from the proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 2d October 1837.

	Rs. A. P.
Batta from 24th to 30th September 1837	21-"-"
Do. for October	100-"-"
Do. Balance for September and full for November	110-"-"
Do. December	100-"-"
Do. January 1838	100-"-"
Do. February	100-"-"
Do. March	100-"-"
Do. April	100-"-"
Advance for May	41-"-"
Carried over	772-"-"

Brought forward - 772 - " - "

9 Palanqueen bearers hire to Cuddalore at
A. A. P
4 - 11 - " each - - - - - - - - - 42 - 3 - "
1 Carts hire for conveying his things to Do. - - 12 - 8 - " . 54 - 11 - "

Total Rupees 826 - 11 - "

Madura }
4th July 1838. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 76.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1. On the 2d Instant I had the honor to receive the Extract from the Board's proceedings of the 21st Ultimo, with their comment on my settlement report for fusly 1246, submitted to them on the 31st August last.

2. In para 3 the Board give me credit for good intention in considering the convenience of the Ryot in detaining him for but a short time from his home, but deem that consideration futile and in fact unjust to the Ryot - whence do the Board draw such an inference? surely not from any portion of my report, or from any of my official correspondence! If I report that I have taken care not to <u>necessitate</u> a Ryot's absence from his village more than six hours, is there any room for inference that I prohibit his attendance on me from day to day for the whole year if he pleases! Has the Board now before them a single complaint that I have refused to reconsider any objected pottah, or that pains have not been taken to make the Pottah clear to the comprehension of the holders! Since the Board have disapproved of the plan, which, in my discretion, I pursued, I regret exceedingly that I was not made acquainted with their sentiments before the conclusion of the settlement for the current fusly, where I have fallen into precisely the same error, from a conviction of the benefit that attended it before, and

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the satisfaction it gave the people. If the Board will accept punctuality of collection, unaccompanied by harshness, as a proof of the correctness of my opinion, I trust to satisfy them in the report I am about to make on the settlement for the Current fusly.

Counterparts of Puttahs (Muchelkees) never have been received in this Collectorate - nor does it appear to me to be necessary or convenient to require them.

I have much pleasure in forwarding copy of a set of the Summa accounts for one village in Hindwi, together with the puttah of one of the Ryots of the same village.

3 In the 3rd para: of my Report of the 31st August I observed that Dindigul had suffered even more than Madura for want of rain, on which the Board formed, as a marginal note to the 7th para: of their proceedings, a table of the whole extent of Nunjah and remission thereon in Madura, in comparison with that in Dindigul, and deduce from my information of less rain in Dindigul than Madura that remissions have been too liberal in Madura. To have been a true picture of the case, I think the Board should have shown the demand on the perished crops of each division, with their average rates of assessment, and the remissions granted - the result would not have been a proportion of 40 to 19 in difference. - But besides the small portion of Nunjah in Dindigul in comparison with Madura, that particular specie of cultivation did not suffer so much in Dindigul as in Madura. In Dindigul, too, a portion of the Nunjah cultivators have also Punjah and Punjah garden Lands, the produce of which bringing their Nunjah losses within 10 per cent, excluded them from the benefit of remissions; but in Madura the great portion of the cultivators are holders of Nunjah only. The Nunjah Lands of Dindigul did not suffer to the proportionate extent of those in Madura, because the rivers or tanks on which the first depended were

were better supplied than those of the latter. But I said Dindigul suffered more severely than Madura from want of rain, in which I consider myself correct, in proof of which is the decrease of its Punjah cultivation below that of the preceding year by 19 percent, whereas in Madura it amounted only to 2 percent. And the accompanying Statement showing the proportions collected on Nunjah, Punjah and ready money sources in the two divisions for the last two Fuslies may help to elucidate this portion of my reply. Out of the Rupees 96,160 remitted in Madura, only 2318 Rs were granted for Nunjah to Ryots whose losses were under 10 percent of the amount of their whole cultivation and whose Punjah produce had also been but poor. I am still of opinion that I have not exceeded more than a necessary discretion in the remissions I have made, and feel that all I made were absolutely requisite.

Have not the Board, in their observations in Para 9, dwelt too entirely on calculations shown on paper, overlooking the very frequent fact that the short produce of a Ryot's labor having yielded him only a bare subsistence for himself and family, and seed for the ensuing year, put an insuperable bar to his availing himself of high prices by disposing of his grain? And if they think he should have sold his paddy and lived on the

	Punjah assessment of Fusly 1245			Do. of Fusly 1246			Decrease													
							By remission for Shaver			per Centage	By waste			per Centage	Total			per Centage
Madura	266,806	6	1	261455	9	4	"	"	"	"	5350	12	9	2	5,350	12	9	2
Dindigul	334,972	7	9	271098	9	"	9768	"	11	2$\frac{15}{16}$	54,105	13	10	16$\frac{2}{16}$	63,873	14	9	19$\frac{1}{16}$

the dry grain, have they not overlooked also their scarcity and very high price?

5. In the 13th Para: the Board animadvert on the unnecessary rigor with which a balance of Rupees 89-14-1 had been levied by distraint in Dindigul from emigrant Ryots. The Board I fear have adopted a mistaken view of this point, but I have not a Copy of the Sub Collector's statements to refer to at hand — the Ryots in question had only driven their cattle to graze in the hills, and the amount was collected without recourse to distraint. That the Board may be able to judge correctly how far I may be deemed a harsh and exacting Collector of the dues of Government, I will beg leave to remind them that I took charge of this Collectorate in Fusly 1243, between which period and Fusly 1246, I have collected the assessment of Rups. 6301,556; and out of this amount only Rupees 1251-11-9 were realized by sale of the defaulter's property — and in most cases I had recourse to this measure from no other motive than that the defaulters were either pertinacious in refusing to pay what was fairly due from them and what they had the means of defraying, or because parties were wasting in litigation and private quarrels what they objected not was due to Government, but what they could not agree who was the person to pay. Not a single defaulter has been put in Jail —

5. I am very happy the Board are willing to recommend the reduction and equalization of tax on Cocoanut trees in Madura, and beg to inform them the trees only were taxed and not the Land on which they grow. The high rates were probably reasonable at the time they were imposed, as during the Nuwab's Government, and up to the last 10 years, Cocoanuts sold at Madura at the rate of 25 for a Rupee — but the market is now supplied from Trichinopoly at the rate of 100.

Madura }
5th July 1838. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 77

To

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

In reference to the proceedings of the Board of Revenue under date the 27th November 1837, and that part of Para. 1 of the Minutes of Consultation of the 22d of the same month, viz "And whatever other aid they may need" - I have the honor to inform you I have this day directed payment, on the coast, of 1500 Rupees to the Commander of the Honorable Company's Surveying Ship, Shannon, under that gentleman's requisition of the 8th Instant - and I request you will be good enough to procure me a more explicit sanction, and to inform me if the instructions of Government were intended to apply to requisitions for money, and if it is desirable to limit me to any maximum.

Madura
12th July 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 78.

To

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to state there are no Returns for the last month for the following Statements.

Quarterly Return of Revenue Defaulters confined in the Jail up to 30th June.
Report of casualties and Revenue Defaulters released up to Do.
Salt confiscated
Goods confiscated.

Madura
13th July 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

To

No. 79

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

Statement in the records

In obedience to the instructions contained in the Minutes of Consultation of the 19th March, communicated with the Boards proceedings of the 10th May, I have the honor to forward a revised statement of village Maniums with my own explanation for the 1st Item, and that of the Sub Collector for the others: and beg to inform you the word "Manthuray" is a local title equivalent to the more general one of "Thoty."

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Madura }
13th July 1838. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 80.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort Saint George

Sir,

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I have the honor to request you will lay before the Board of Revenue the accompanying Statement with a view to the reduction of the tax in the village of Vadaputty in Thirukurray talook:- it is surrounded by hills is of a very poor and stony soil; and without any market near at hand; and as it has no want of cultivators, the fact of its extensive waste may be taken in proof of the assessment being too high. Mr Peter seems to have been aware of this but his measure of amelioration only went to the reduction of its highest rate.

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As the Ryots are desirous to cultivate and cannot undertake it at the present rates, I would recommend the same indulgence should be granted to it as was granted by Mr Peter to other villages of this Talook - and that the rates should be reduced as follows in conformity to those of the neighbouring village, viz: that in 6 fas. and $5\frac{14}{16}$ per Gountah should be reduced to 4; $4\frac{14}{16}$ to 3; and $3\frac{15}{16}$ to 2 fas. per Gountah.-

(Signed) L. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura }
18th July 1838. }

To

No. 81.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue:
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to your communication of the 12th Instant, received yesterday, that the Board do not deem the precept of the Register in charge, of the 30th April, as setting aside that of the Acting Judge of the 7th March, and desiring me to inform them if there is any other bar to the Ranee, Angoomootoo Nachyar, being put in possession than her inability to discharge the arrears of Peshkush, and find security for Rupees 10,000, for costs to be incurred in appeal before the Queen in Council, I have the honor to observe that it was in consequence of her failure to give security for one years' profits of the estate that Mr. Limond's precept was sent in what I thought was a cancel of Mr. Glass's, under orders from the Superior Court. — R

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
19th July 1838.

No. 82.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

In reply to your communication of the 9th, received on the 17th instant, I have the honor to request you will inform the Board I have just returned from Ramnad, and am happy to report the cheerful acquiescence with which the Board's wishes for a reconciliation between the Guardian and Manager for the minor heiress was submitted to — the removal of Samy Iyen was not resorted to. — D

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
30th July 1838.

No. 83

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose statement of the

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the Abkarry rent, as finally settled for Fusly 1248, showing a reduction of the increase over last year that the Board were led to expect by my Letter of the 29th Ultimo, to a surplus of only 220 instead of 920 Rupees:- The deposits of the two defaulters to the amount of Rupees 120 has been carried to account as a fine forfeited to Government.

Madura } (Signed) L. Blackburne
30th July 1838. } Princl. Collr.

No. 84.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Statements of the sale of the Betel leaf farms; and of the biddings for that of Tobacco for Fusly 1248, for tho' the Board's instructions of the 14th Ultimo only authorize the rent of the one, it seemed convenient both should go together, as formerly - and should the Board approve of the latter step, I would beg for the earliest convenient authority to make it over to the bidder to whom it has not yet been made over, and who were made fully aware of the circumstances under which I am placed.-

2. Betel leaf rent

	Madura	Dindigul	Total
Rent of Fusly 1246.	48,355-	29,540.-	77,895
Do. for - 1248.	43,700-	19,630-	63,330
Decrease	4,655-	9,910-	14,565
Percentage of Do.-	9 4/16-	33½-	
Govt. nicreasement in 1247.	27,677-11-5.	14,330-6-6.	42,008-1-11.
Proposed rent for 1248.	43,700-	19,630-	63,330-
Increase	16,022-4-7.	5,299-9-6.	21,321-14-1-

I do not propose to rent the betel of the Cusbah talook of Madacolum as no offers have been made equal to the collections by Government Officers in last fusly which amounted to Rupees 12,856-6-11.-

The decrease below the amount of the last

last year under rent is attributable to the change in the practise last year; to the consumption duty being reduced from 1¼ to 1 single fanam for 400 leaves; and 3rdly to the great failure of the betel gardens necessitating the principal supply being drawn from Trichinopoly - and the failure being greater in Dindigul than Madura " accounts for the greater deficiency in it than in Madura.

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Biddings for Tobacco rent.

	Madura	Dindigul	Total
Rent of Fusly 1246.	37,404	23,356	60,760.
Biddings for 1248.	27,000	19,400	46,400.
Decrease	10,404.	3,956	14,360
Percentage of do.	27 13/16	16 15/16	
Govt. Collections in 1247.	19,085-10-"	14,880-3-8.	33,965-13-8
Biddings for 1248.	27,000-	19,400	46,400-"-"
Increase	7,914-6-"	4,519-12-4-	12,434-2-4

The decrease in the Tobacco bidding is attributable to the change in the practise of last year and to the badness of the last season.—

Madura }
31st July 1838. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr.

No. 86.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.—

Sir,

With reference to the Extract from the Board's Proceedings, dated 27th February 1837, I have the honor to forward a Statement of Disbursements, not exceeding 20 Rupees, made, at my discretion, from the funds of religious institutions, up to the close of last Fusly.—

Madura }
4th August 1838. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr.

Further portion of the settlement papers for Fusly 1247, in the Districts of Madura and Dindigul, being the Report and English Statement of the Sub Collector.

Madura }
4th August 1838. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

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No. 87

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to my Letter of the 31st Ultto: I have the honor to inform the Board that I have been this day able to rent the Betel of the Maudacolum Talook for the Current Fusly for Rupees 11,500, being 1356 Rupees less than the Amany Collections of last Fusly, owing to the duty on this Article being reduced from 1¼ Mfs. to 1 Mfm per 400 Betel leaves

Rent of Fusly 1246. .. 12700-"-"
Under Amany Fusly 1247. } 12856-6-11.

Madura
9th August 1838. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 88.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to state there are no returns for the last month for the following Statements.—

Salt Confiscated.
Goods Confiscated.

Madura
10th August 1838. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 89.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, this day, of the Board's Proceedings of the 2d instant.—

2. The Extracts from the Proceeds: of the Provincial Court, alluded to in those of the Register of the Udalut Court of Madura of the 30th April were not furnished me; and as it was a matter for my obedience, and not for my judgment and discretionary obedience, I am aware of no pretext under which I should have been justified in demanding a Copy.—

3 My mortification is great at learning from the 3d para the Board's opinion that many references might have been avoided if I had done my duty in the first instance;— my mortification is greater, when in referring to dates, I cannot find it possible for me to have given greater information than I did at the times my various letters were written, with exception that in the first instance and till called for, I did not furnish Copies of Courts proceedings, which was omitted under a conscientious but apparently mistaken

feeling

feeling they were not requisite: and when called for they were instantaneously sent.

4. I request you will do me the favor to inform the Board that neither in this, or any other case, have I wilfully with-held from them any information of which I was possessed: I have written to the Register in Charge for a copy of the proceedings required and if furnished, with them will lose no time in forwarding them.—

Madura
11th August 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 90.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

In reference to my Letter of the 11th Instant I have the honor to forward for the information of the Board Copy of the Proceeds: of the Southern Provincial Court of Appeal under date 4th April.

Madura
14th August 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 91.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to annex an Extract from the audit of my accounts for Fusly 1246, and request you will obtain for me the sanction of Government as therein required.—

Madura
Trinnoogoody
20th August 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 92.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

In conformity to the instructions contained in the 3rd Para of the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date 16th Ultimo, forwarded with the proceedings of the Board of Revenue of the 9th Instant, received on the 19th, I have the honor to return 38 Istimerar sunneds, and 27 Kabuliats with the names of the Zemindaries filled up, and 13 blank ones, as per List accompanying. Of the 40 sunneds, furnished in the year 1805, there remain in the records only 38 - one was produced by the Zemindar of Keelacottah, as specified in

Para

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Para 5 of my Letter of the 31st May last, and for the other I have no means of present discovery, but will not fail to keep the subject in mind.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Cunnoogoody
24th August 1838.

No. 93

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

On the 20th I had the honor to receive your Circular letter of the 9th, despatched on the 16th, calling upon me to forward, without delay, the Statements originally called for in a previous Circular from you of the 22d February, if not already transmitted for June, and also to the close of the last fusly.

I have the honor to inform you they were sent respectively on the 2d July and the 1st Instant.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Cunnoogoody
25th August 1838.

No. 94.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
Fort St. George

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt, this day, of the Extract from the Board's proceedings of 20th Instant, I have the honor to request you will bring to their notice, in reference also to their proceeds. of the 9th Instant, that the aggregate decrease of the Betel Farm below the revenues from the same source in fusly 1246, is not only, as they seem to think, Rupees 3065, but amounts to no less than Rupees 14,565.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Cunnoogoody
29th August 1838.

No. 95

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt on the 14th Instant of the Board's Endorsement of the 26th Ultimo on Petition No. 365 of 1838, and in reply beg to state I originally referred the Complaint to the Ameen

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of Thirooputtoor, on whose examination and report of the 3rd April I dis=
=missed the Complaint on the 10th of the same month – and on receipt
of your endorsement I have caused a renewed examination at Thiroo-
-puttoor, whither I was proceeding for the settlement. The 9 Meerassee
Artificers of the Village have been examined, as also all the Documents
offered by the Complainant, and the Documents of my own records, and
being still of opinion that Petitioner has no good claim to the shares of
the Umbalum Meerassee claimed, I have again rejected his Complaint
furnishing him with my decision in detail, and beg to return the Original
Petition presented by him to the Board.–

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Coonnoogoody
30th August 1838.

No. 96.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

1. I have the honor to report for the information of Government the following result of my administration of the extra sources of revenue by the Collectorate of Madura in Fusly 1247 / A.D. 1837/38 / in comparison with Fusly 1246.–

	Fusly 1246.	Fusly 1247	Increase	Decrease.
Salt - - - -	246,387 - 8 - 4 -	249,592 - 9 - 2 -	3,205 - " - 10.	" " "
Sayer - - - -	320,464 - " - " -	222,137 - 2 - 5.	" " "	98,326 - 13 - 7
Sea Customs - - -	10,808 - 10 - 8.	11,398 - 5 - 2 -	589 - 10 - 6.	" " "
Stamps - - - -	22,364 - 15 - " -	23,207 - " - 10 -	842 - 1 - 10.	" " "
Tank fish - - - -	4,822 - 15 - 3.	8,331 - 6 - 7.	3508 - 7 - 4.	" " "
Abkarry rents - -	48,805 - " - " -	42,241 - " - " -	" " "	6,564 - " - "
Total. - - - -	6,53,653 - 1 - 3	556,907 - 8 - 2	8145 - 4 - 6.	104,890 - 13 - 7.–

2. In my report of last year I was enabled to show an increase of Rupees 11,297 in the Salt Revenue which more than covered the falling off in the preceding one and in the year under report there is a further increase of Rupees 3205 derived from the greatly increased sales for home consumption, consequent on the successful prevention of traffic in earth salt, made to great extent in Poodoocottah – And as this increase has served to cover the continued progressive falling off in the sales for Coimbettoor I trust to show a further increase next fusly.

Two reasons are assigned to me for this falling off in the

the demand for Coimbettoor which I am inclined to credit tho' not derived from official sources. The first is the resort of the Coravers merchants to the Urasanagherry pan in Tanjore - and of this fact the Board will easily judge by comparison of the report from that Collectorate - and the cause assigned for the preference is better measurement. Should the Government sanction the completion of the road from Tondi to Madura for which the estimates are now before them; and the improvement of the road from Dindigul to Pylney the border of the Coimbettoor District for which Estimates are on the point of being submitted to them I feel assured the Coravers will again return to this Collectorate.

The second cause assigned is the facilities held out to the Coravers to purchase salt at Calicut by the readiness of merchants at that place to advance them money for the purpose

Fuslies	Home consumption			For Coimbettoor		
	Garce	M.	M.	Garce	M.	M.
1242	1799	264	4	353	300	0
43	1751	324	0	304	314	0.
44	2047	106	1/4	304	272	0.
45	2080	91	5/4	165	345	0.
46.	2277	60	6	75	44	0.
	9956	47	1/2	1204	75	0.
Average	1991	89	3	240	335	0
Fusly 1247.	2288	293	4	92	129	0.

This branch of Revenue has of course been exclusively under my own superintendence and the greatest attention has been given to the correctness and uniformity of measurement. In six of the pans it was proved under my own eye; to six my Sheristadar gave his personal attention; and in two the examination was conducted by my head Gomasta so that I have no doubt of the conscienscious and correct discharge of this duty. I trust therefore sanction for the wastage of fusly 1246, amounting to Garce 39-24-4 (M M) may be obtained for me; and at the same time for the wastage in the Fusly under report amounting to Garce 52-164 (M), as particularised in the accompanying statement.

C. I think there is neither fraud negligence nor bad habits amongst the servants of this department.

3. The Sayer collections exhibit a vast deficit× when compared with those of the preceding fusly, but the subject has been so recently and so fully under the consideration of Government that it will be sufficient to state in explanation that in one fusly they have been made direct by the

×Rup^s 98,326-13-7 (a p)

Officers

Officers of Government, whilst in the preceding one they were farmed out.
I will proceed then to compare the results with those of Fusly 1224, the last real Amany year, for tho' 1230 was also an Amany year nominally it was not so in fact as in that year the Betel and Tobacco were rented. And in this comparison, notwithstanding the reduction of duty from a great portion of the petty trade the superiority in favor of the fusly under report is so great that I hope the Government may feel convinced of my attention to this branch of Revenue and of the integrity of the servants employed to which the great increase is fairly attributable, for the season has been very far from favorable, and the greater unfavorableness in Dindigul is the cause of the lesser proportional collections in the betel and tobacco to those in 1224

		Fusly 1224			Fusly 1247			Increase			Decrease		
Madura	5 per Cent duty	34,031	2	4	91,204	12	9	57,173	10	5	"	"	"
	Betel	32,926	6	6	40,534	2	4	7,607	11	10	"	"	"
	Tobacco	6,318	10	7	26,582	7	3	20,263	12	8	"	"	"
		73,276	3	5	158,321	6	4	85,045	2	11	"	"	"
Dindigul	5 per cent duty	25,896	10	2	34,605	1	11	8,708	7	9	"	"	"
	Betel	35,094	13	4	14,330	6	6	"	"	"	20,764	6	10
	Tobacco	19,702	8	5	14,880	3	8	"	"	"	4,822	4	9
		80,693	15	11	63,815	12	1	8,708	7	9	25,586	11	7
Total	5 per Cent duty	59,927	12	6	125,809	14	8	65,882	2	2	"	"	"
	Betel	68,021	3	10	54,864	8	10	"	"	"	13,156	11	"
	Tobacco	26,021	3	"	41,462	10	11	15,441	7	11	"	"	"
	Grand Total	153,970	3	4	222,137	2	5	81,323	10	1	13,156	11	"
		Deduct decrease						13,156	11	"			
		Nett Increase						68,166	15	1			

The result would have been still more favorable but for the reduction of the establishment under the Board's orders of the 23d April which at the same time they effected a small saving of charges caused a much more considerable loss of revenue in the betel leaf tax, and instead of ameliorating the condition of the people reduced the supply to a degree that has been supposed to have affected the health of the very poor as shewn in my Letter of the 2d February and has materially lessened the culture of betel leaf to the prejudice of future collections.—

Ninety cases sent to the Criminal Court have served to take up the time of the Court without giving any effectual

check

check to the practise of smuggling:- But the Board's authority of the 23rd April to reduce the monopoly price to a single fanam for every 400 leaves and their instructions of the 14th June to rent the betel leaf tax for the Current fusly will at once increase the Revenue (after making a trifling allowance for the reduced monopoly price); restore the Betel gardens; and insure a plentiful supply; and relieve the Criminal Courts from an onerous duty, and add little or nothing to the labor of the Magistrate.

The following is the proportionate produce of the Sayer taxes.-

	Percentage
On the 36 articles including piece goods	56-10-2
Betel leaf	24-11-2
Tobacco	18-10-8
	100

Percentage of tax on the 36 articles in comparison with the same in Fusly 1224.

		Percentage of tax Fusly 1224	Fusly 1247.
1	Piece goods	51-4-6	77-8-1.
2	Ghee	7-7-10	1-14-8
3	Lamp oil seed	2-5-"	2-8-8
4	Gingely oil seed	3-6-10	3-11-4
5	Iron	"-11-7	"-11-3
6	Tamarinds	1-1-8	1-11-4
7	All other taxable articles	33-10-7	11-14-8
		100	100.

The produce of the customs is almost entirely from Piece goods Betel & Tobacco- and considering the Collectorate, without reference to the Presidency generally it would seem advisable at once to discontinue all the other taxes.-

4. The net revenue from the Sea Customs exhibits an increase of Rupees 589-10-6, but it arises from the imports and is chiefly in Arekanut, Chay-root, Gingely oil seed, and planks from Travancore, Colombo and Jaffna. The decrease in the exports is in paddy and consequent on the adverse season

5. The increase in stamps is the amount of Penalty levied by the Zillah Court; and of Rupees 466-12-0 the value of Stamp Papers returned to the Presidency and is therefore in fact only a matter of adjustment of accounts-

6 The tax in tank fish, abandoned last year to the

extent

extent of Rupees 5836-1-8 in consequence of the drought, and chiefly in the Melur talook, was generally reimposed in the Fusly under report with exception of some villages in Melur which has again suffered to great extent.

7. The decrease in the Abkary rent was owing to the drought as reported when submitting the Biddings for the Board's acceptance.

8. The current revenue from these sources has been collected in full - there is not an item of old balance.

9. Statements in triplicate of Collection and charges accompany.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr

Madura
Cunnoogoody
31st August 1838.

No. 97.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to state that no Salt was seized nor confiscated during the last month.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr

Madura
Thiroobovanom
13th September 1838.

No. 98

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will lay the enclosed Address (with translate) from the Ex-Zemindar of Shevagunga before the Members of the Board, with my recommendation that he be allowed to receive at the rate of 500 Rupees per mensem, in arrears from the 12th July last, the date of the assumption of the Cowle Vergum lands, the possession of which prevented me recommending any allowance for him at the time I made such request on behalf of Anga Moothoo Nachyar on the 4th April and 11th August, finally sanctioned by the Board on the 25th Ultimo.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr

Madura
Thiroobovanom
14th September 1838.

Translation

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Translation of an Address of the 13th September 1838 from Moottoo Vezíya Ragoonatha Bodoo Gooroo Swamy Perea Odia Thaver to the Principal Collector of Madura.

Understanding my adversary, Ungoo Moottoo Nachyar, has been granted an allowance of 500 Rupees per mensem, in arrears from April, for her maintenance, I beg to inform you of the difficulties I have been in since the assumption of my Zemindary, seventeen months ago, to provide 200 Pagodas a month, for the support of myself, and immediate dependants, and the maintenance of the appertenances of the palace, in horses and other animals, which I have hitherto done by loans - the difficulties increa and it was my misfortune that you declined to receive a visit from me the day you passed thro' Shevagunga, when I should have been glad to explain all my circumstances and wishes to you. - As my expences cannot be reduced the least below 700 Rupees a month, I request that allowance may be made to me, payable in arrears from the date of attachment, to enable me to defray the debt incurred on that account. -

True translate

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector.

No. 99.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor, in returning Petitions No. 371 & 416 of 1838, to report for the information of the Board, that to me they appear to be assertions, in the nature of evidence, to the claim of another person to a certain Umbalum, and to have been forwarded under that person's inducements, and not to contain any substantive complaint on their own behalf.

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The Umbalum claim in question has been decided by me and the result was reported to the Board on the 30th Ultimo. —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Thiroobovanum
15th September 1838.

To

No. 100.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Fort St. George.

Sir,

Do me the favor of assuring the Board, in reference to their Proceedings of the 3d Instant, that when I received their remarks upon my report of the Settlement for Fusly 1246, I unfortunately deemed the reprehension far outweighed any portion of praise; whereas I now find, by their Letter of the 5th July to Government, that it was laudatory.

In my misapprehension I attempted to defend with frankness a point of conduct, which, after being followed with persevering diligence for more than 4 years, had, at length, in the last fusly, been crowned with success in enabling me to realize the entire revenue within the calendar month after the completion of the Fusly: but, I had no intention to be unbecoming either in words or tone of diction. If intent was necessary to constitute the offence, I am innocent:- That the Board have thought the words sufficient to warrant their complaint of unbecoming tone, and the Government to deem me from them guilty, is my misfortune.

Since the Board are pleased to communicate to me their satisfaction with my conduct as a Revenue Officer during the fusly year 1246, I took upon the present as a propitious moment to request anew their recommendation of my claim or petition of the 3d June 1836 to receive the pay of a Principal Collector of the Regulated class of 36,000 Rupees a year, which they on the 8th July following regretted they could not do;- And which the Government, when I subsequently submitted it direct, censured me for having so done.- The case is now altered in the appointment of Messrs. Gleig and Ashton, subsequent even to that period, respectively to Salem and South Arcot - the revenues of the three Collectorates being within a few Rupees the same in amount and one gentleman being as little my senior as the other is my junior in the service, yet they both receive the above regulated salary, whilst I, tho' holding my appointment since 1834 am in receipt of a lower salary.

Madras
17th September 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

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No. 101.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

The 56 Printed Copies of Demand Collection and Balance Statements, forwarded on the 26th September 1836 being expended, I have the honor to request a further supply may be furnished to me at your earliest convenience.—

Madura
24th September 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 102.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

1. In reply to your letter of the 20th Instant, I have the honor to inform you I have not had application for a single Porto novo plough; and cannot judge if I shall be able to sell one, till, being given in loan, their utility is proved or disproved by trial.—

2. Your circular of the 21st September did not state the price and tho' the Principal Collector of South Arcot promised a future communication of the Costs, and charges in his letter of the 26th February it has not yet been received, but I have this day reminded him of it.—

3. When the season for the Punjab ploughings was at hand I forwarded the Estimate for fitting them up, and at the same time performed the work, and sent them into the different talooks that they might not necessarily lie unused in my Cutcherry, for a twelve month till the general season for ploughing came back; I am sorry if the discretion I used be disapproved of.—

Madura
26th Sept. 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 103.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir, I have the honor to request you will very respectfully

bring

bring to the notice of the Board the 6th Para: of my reply of the 5th July to the 16th Para: of their Proceedings of the 21st June, on the settlement of this Collectorate for fusly 1246:- and to inform them I am only in=duced now to trouble them by impression of a favorable decision being of great importance to the Ryots owning cocoanut trees.-

Madura
26th September 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Colltr.

No. 104.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to the Boards' proceedings of the 13th Instant, received yesterday, I have the honor to inform you the deficit in the Betel rents, as shown in my letter of the 31st July, and statement ac=companying, was Rupees 14565, being exclusive of the Madacdum rent: In that rent there occurred a further deficit of 1200 Rupees making a total of 15765 Rupees as rightly judged by the Board. It was an inadvertent omission not to have added the second to the first deficit in my letter of the 29th August which caused the non accordance of the total in that letter with the statements.-

Madura
26th September 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Colltr.

No. 105

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I am very sorry to be under the necessity of reporting, for the information of the Board of Revenue, the unfavorable state of the season hitherto;- There have fallen only a few partial showers during the last month in the air talooks - much of the young punjah crops has perished; and the whole will be lost if rain does not fall within a week, of which, however, I am happy to think there are strong indi-cations. The river tanks are dry, and the paddy fields, to a very great extent, still untilled: and should the River even come down soon, the Ryots must content themselves with the planting of coarse instead

of

of finer sorts of Paddy.

The decrease in the Nunjah cultivation, up to the 15th Ultimo, in comparison with last Fusly, was Rupees 20,979; and in Punjah 713 only. The price of all kinds of grain is rising daily.

The Ramnad Zemindary I am led to believe is suffering more from want of water than the Sircar talooks, but the Shevagunga Zemindary is in a favorable state.—

Madura
2d October 1838. } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 106.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, yesterday, of 4 Copies of the printed Forms, for the Demand Collection and Balance Statements, forwarded with your Letter of the 27th Ultimo.—

Madura
4th October 1838. } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

No. 107

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will beg the attention of the Board of Revenue to the accompanying questio[n] submitted to the Pundit of the Zillah Court, & his answer, and obtain me their opinion if it should form the rule for my guidance; informing them, at the same time, a breach similarly repaired by the orders of the late Principal Collec[tor] was made the subject of a suit, when the closed breach was ordered by the Zillah Court to be reopened, and the ruined inhabitants emigrated to Poodoocottay:— A few similar cases are now before me, particularly one between Shevagunga assumed Zemindary and the country of H. E. the Rajah Tondaman Bahadur:— And in the improving state of Shevagunga there is every likelihood of many similar cases arising.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura 6th October 1838.—

Translator

Translation of a question, submitted for the opinion of the Pundit of the Zillah Court of Madura, by the Principal Collector on the 3rd October 1838.–

In cases when the banks of tanks, that have been burst for 50 or 60. years, and the water originally retained in them, has flowed for nearly a similar length of time into the tank of a neighbouring village and been exclusively enjoyed by it's inhabitants, has the owner of the bursted tank a right to repair its bank, thereby depriving those who have long benifitted by the waters, of that advantage for the future; or has the Collector the right to authorize such repair under the provisions of the Hindû law?–

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Answer of the Pundit on the 4th October 1838.–

The Question proposed is understood to state that the inhabitants of one village have enjoyed, for 60 years; water flowing to their tank from a breach that had accidentally taken place in a tank of another village, the inhabitants of which sustain no other loss than that of deprivation of the water:– altho' the breach thro' which the water flows to the first village is in the land of the second, yet the sufferance of its inhabitants to the enjoyment of the waters by the inhabitants of the first village for so long a period as 60 years, takes away from them the right, by closing the breach, to deprive the inhabitants of the first village of their long possessed benefits:– The law rests on this verse of the "Mithatchara"

[illegible]

"Vizt Enjoyment and occupancy is a stronger proof of right than written or oral evidence".–

As the closing the breach of such a tank as is proposed in the question would necessarily deprive the second tank of its water & thereby injure those who have held long uncontested enjoyment I am of opinion such attempt cannot be justified.–

True Translate

(Signed) J. Blackburne

To No. 108

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir, Fort St. George

In reply to your letter of the 27th Ult., just received, I request you will be so good as to assure the Board no wastage occurs in the salt heaps from allowing an accumulation, which is, as the Board observe, easy of prevention; and for wastage from insufficent covering I have never yet been reduced to the necessity of asking sanction for remission.—

The salt sales are already influenced by the progress of improvement in the reconstruction of the Madura and Tondi road: I have little doubt if it be efficiently completed, the outlay will be repaid from increased sales of salt alone in a couple more years:—

Sanction of the estimate for the Pylney and Dindigul road, now before the Board, will ensure further increase.— (Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl. Collr.

Madura 8th October 1838.

No. 109

To

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a decision of the Zillah Court, dated 4th Instant, in favor of Government in the case of Vembyan against Bicrapee Rao and myself, in my official character of Prinl. Collector, in No. 173 of 1835, and which I was authorized by Government, under date the 18th December 1835, to defend, in the first instance, at the public expense, but reserving the question how far the revenue officer should be responsible, if given against him, till the final decree should be laid before the Government.

Madura 10th October 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl. Collector

No. 110

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to the Board's proceedings of the 13th Ultimo I request you will do me the honor to inform them I shall abstain from pressing my recommendation for all grants of Manium lands entered in the statement accompanying my letter of the 13th July, which seem not to have contained all the information required by the Minutes of Consultation of the 19th March, as communicated to me in the Board's Proceedings of the 10th May, with exception of that for two Cavilgars for the pass of Andiputty, according to the accompanying statement; and agreeably to the Board's instructions I beg leave to transfer from the Remarks to the former statement, to the body of this letter the reasons inducing my original recommendation on the 29th January. –

"The recently opened pass of Andiputty, thro' "the hills of Dodapanaiknoor, has been of essential "service in alleviating the hardships of scarcity, "in affording a short and easy access for the transport "of grain from the valley of Dindigal into Tinne-"velly: – The hills are wild and uninhabited, and the "application is made in conformity to Section XVI "Regulation XI of 1816. The returns of traffic from "the opening of the pass in February 1837 to June last, "as taken by a talook peon were (passing & repassing) –

Men	396,105
Bandies	15,386
Bullocks	89,883
Horses or tatts	16,115
Asses	182,459
Palanquins	8."

Madura
[1]0th October 1838

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

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To No. 111.

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir, Fort St. George

I have the honor to state there are no returns for the last Month for the following Statements. –

Quarterly return of Revenue Defaulters confined in Jail upto 30th. September

Report of Casualties and Revenue Defaulters released upto Do.

Salt Confiscated.

Goods confiscated.

Madura 12th. October 1838 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Prin. Coll.

To No. 112

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir, Fort St. George

On the 15th., I had the honor to receive your printed letter of the 8th., Instant, giving cover to various petitions with the instructions of the Board indorsed upon them, most of which have been fulfilled, and I now proceed to answer those on which they require a particular report;–

On the application to me of Petitioner in 626 of 1838 (herewith returned) for the dismission of the Curnom, on the grounds of having presented a false complaint in the Zillah Court, I declined acquiescence. – With respect to his dismission, in 1828, I beg to inform the Board, the Tasildar was ordered to suspend him, investigate the case & report upon it; which never being done, and no final order passed upon it, I investigated the case myself, and have the pleasure to forward Copy of my decision, passed on the 10th. June 1836,

2. – Petitioner in 780 of 1838 (Petn. herewith returned) was

was Gomastu to the Curnom of Sooriengoody, and was dismissed by me, from his master's service, on proof before an old Gomastu of my own office, deputed to the spot, of giving the Iyn lands to Inamdars in lieu of their own; which was afterwards corroborated by his own admission in my office, on the 30th May; and it is proved both by the accounts and depositions that he was not the Merassadar, but only the Gomastu, or hired servants, of the Merassadar.

3.— The integrity of petitioner in No. 804 of 1838 (herewith returned) was so suspicious that during an interval, when the Sub Collectorate was under my own superintendence, I removed him from his office of Gomastu on 17½ Rs. Monthly pay in that office, to one of similar pay in the talook of Thiroomungalum, to keep him out of mischief, and to have him under my own immediate observation.— His continued applications for leave, and renewed leave, induced me to direct his removal if he did not join by a given time— and he almost immediately after forwarded his resignation, on the plea that the water did not agree with him: and since that time he has given me much annoyance by frivolous petitions, and has also frequently addressed himself to the Board.—

His assertions regarding the withered crops of fusly 1246 are altogether false:— If, on two crop land the first withers, the full remission of full tax is granted; If the second crop withers, the full remission is made for the half tax, leviable under more favorable circumstances, as has been the practise of my predecessors; & has been constantly brought to the observation of the Board and by them tacitly approved.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Maduras Melur }
18th Octr. 1838.— Despd. 22d. }

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To

No. 113

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

Fort St. George.

In answer to your letter of the 8th., received on the 15th. Instant, I have the honor to inform you the Board were wrong in concluding the Sub Collector had come to Madura on my requisition - he came on a visit to his friend, Mr. Limond, at a time when his tents were pitched, and his cucherry engaged in duty on the border of the Division nearest to this place, and he had his Jusabnavish with him. -

Madura 29th. Octr. 1838. - (Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl. Collr.

To

No. 114

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

Fort St. George

I have the honor to forward an Extract from the Reaudit of my Accounts for Fusly 1246, being Charges on account of Police Establishment of the assumed Zemindary of Shevagunga, and request you will obtain me the sanction of Government as therein desired. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne Prinl. Collr.

Madura 30th. October 1838. -

To

No. 535

C. R. Cotton Esqre.

Madras

Sir,

1. - On the 4th. Ultimo I had the honor to receive your circular of the 28th. of the preceding month, and in offering the following answers to your various querries I beg to assure you of a full and immediate supply of any omissions or insufficiences from misapprehension that you may be good enough to point out; - the delay has been occasioned by imperative absence on duty in the district, and the necessity to prepare statements from the records in my office in verification of my views on the Subject: -

1st. Previous to the assumption by the Honorable Company of Dindigul, in 1792, and of Madura, in 1801, the Collectorate

Collectorate had fallen into great disorganization & poverty, from being the theater of war and plunder, between the rival Competitors for the Nawabship of the Carnatic - The Co's early revenue administration by annual, and triennial, rents, at too high rates, was extremely, & equally, injurious to the Ryot & themselves, up to fusly 1220 (A. D. 1810/11); and in that, and the preceding, fusly a violent epidemic fever added it's influence to the diminution of the population - With the security of life and property, and absence of extortion and oppression, which have been carried to a greater degree of perfection each year of the Co's rule, has progressively increased the population; and, with it, cultivation, & all the necessaries of life, & I see no reason to anticipate improvement should cease here, but, on the contrary, expect with confidence it will go on for a length of time, for room & means are every where abundant. -

Fever destroyed 27930 souls last year in Dindigul and Ramnad. - Collector to Board 25th Novr. 1812.

One third of the population has been lost by fever in the last three years. Collector to Board 15th May 1813.

Census of 1814 exclusive of the Zemindaries which were not taken - 264947
In 1822, including Zemindaries ... 788196
In 1828 ——— 1052341
In 1831 ——— 1135411
In 1837 ——— 1306725

	Net Settlement
Fusly 1221 (A. D. 1811/12) ———	446481 Rs.
1231 ———	740548
1241 ———	703992
1247 ———	917331.

Ryotwar Settlement of Madura and Dindigul from fusly 1221 (A: D: 1811/12) to fusly 1247. —

Fusles	Madura Crs.	a	p	Dindigul Crs.	a	p	Total Crs.	a	p	Remission for withered crops, not included in the last Colm.	a	p
1221 ———	293836	14	1	152044	14	5	446481	12	6	..	..	..
22 ———	304727	13	6	189394	11	9	494122	9	3	..	..	..
23 ———	247204	9	6	198827	3	3	444031	12	9	47028	14	9
24 ———	319258	13	1	267764	..	1	587022	13	2	2764	5	5
25 ———	341098	6	7	336031	6	..	677749	12	7	2327	13	1
26 ———	337550	8	1	372561	11	3	710112	3	4	5655	7	3
27 ———	342193	11	5	383508	..	5	725701	11	10	1613	15	4
28 ———	365114	1	6	382779	14	7	747894	..	1	894	3	1
29 ———	345709	6	7	379333	7	8	725042	14	3	7202	4	3
30 ———	342081	15	5	369069	1	2	711151.	..	7	3699	7	7
31 ———	365316	12	5	375231	5	9	740548	2	2	11003	10	1
32 ———	431882	10	1	423169	14	7	855052	8	8	295	9	7
33 ———	306636	13	5	362875	3	1	669512	..	6	158017	12	6
34 ———	458576	6	4	420952	8	4	879527	14	8	5563	6	10
35 ———	465318	2	9	445308	10	6	910626	13	3	7963	..	1
36 ———	483392	8	3	468799	..	8	952191	8	11	411	10	..
37 ———	468431	6	2	398790	12	3	865222	2	5	10691	6	8
38 ———	436042	1	3	364901	6	4	800943	7	7	21640	1	2
39 ———	435006	..	8	363891	2	10	798896	3	6	10131	14	5
40 ———	465618	2	11	397150	1	5	862774	4	4	1142	2	..
41 ———	350792	14	4	353199	5	4	703992	3	8	79257	3	8
42 ———	445352	3	6	373331	10	5	818683	13	11	43570	10	2
43 ———	462753	1	6	415511	6	..	878264	7	6	7525	13	..
44 ———	461055	13	7	450411	4	3	911467	1	10	47370	6	1
45 ———	541107	6	3	494377	13	3	1035485	3	6	2792	8	4
46 ———	391674.	11	6	356962	9	9	748577.	5	2	135495	2	6
47 ———	509441	2	9	407890	8	1	917331	10	10	18886	11	4

N. B. Previous to Fusly 1221 the Village rents were in force.

2d. Dealings of every description, with exception of ready money loans, have increased by one half; and this is attributable to increased population, to the practical restriction of the levy of duties to a single custom house, instead of being, as formerly, open to exactions at every one that was passed; to the extirpation of gangs of Marauders; to the progressive improvement of Police in the high roads, and latterly to the great improvement in the high roads themselves.

Value of Principal Articles paying duty in Amany from Fusly 1224 to 1229 and in Fusly 1247 in Madura and Dindegul.

Articles	Fusly 1224	1225	1226	1227	1228	1229	1247
Jaggery	7589	7795	2934	5506	5883	7151	21210
Tamarinds without stones	7793	8395	13300	17780	25589	27980	24333
Tamarind with stones	5485	16059	19478	23374	27458	34570	18648
Araka Nuts	80751	62218	83628	76355	57796	61875	37798
Iron	8785	11149	15005	14739	14886	22040	17757
Gingely Oil	31441	37291	4293	1877	997	6756	41246
Rape seed	41131	38860	100805	63229	77095	101623	92340
Lamp Oil seed	27765	24884	24398	30011	32125	30191	63926
Lamp Oil	56022	88776	104944	111338	142951	72978	133027
Piece Goods	614827	609539	696837	764341	849155	977523	1950317

Value of Goods exported from the Seaports of Ramnad in the District of Madura from July 1231 to 1247.

Description	July 1231	1232	1233	1234	1235	1236	1237	1238	1239	1240	1241	1242	1243	1244	1245	1246	1247
	CRs.																
Paddy	30885	139151	54780	36788	63609	65886	140695	103042	77395	106235	55598	29578	54107	36883	33179	48018	13959
Rice	3890	32268	14164	17953	27870	25226	21975	37505	7461	4695	8010	3323	4934	4766	4912	9422	1693
Ragy &c.	1020	864	9037	28179	17420	1404	337	2052	1221	5807	4512	22814	50022	3572	..	..	3230
Chaya Root	8307	21028	13307	5717	2926	4900	..	350	952	..	875	1554	..	..	704	..	..
Coriander	593	170	..	196	340	190	139	..	73	..	74	..	243	100	..	1173	712
Garlic	1396	895	304	624	243	167	707	757	698	524	256	208	295	426	160	1285	1274
Cotton	96407	47157	63359	67400	83308	40625	6316	6314	30790	263655	41202	52805	60520	320216	263472	569186	12516
Cardamoms	33208	92317	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	173	..	..	..	..	..
Thread	578	1163	1311	1096	552	444	2262	1935	1835	1571	4191	635	946	2384	5391	5506	2222
Chanks	53004	22163	10339	20621	75340	72615	..	3031	5390	62608	10437	3943	..	27348	16421	13108	20876
Ausana planks	669	1111	..	101	..	759	1782	2300	625	194	556	..	..	689	..	..	1127
Sheep	1015	715	..	499	..	..	262	551	330	323	568	401	..	..	..	3881	3217
Pots	1309	3537	1865	1137	780	747	654	1391	1247	889	626	2221	1096	2138	..	2330	3227
Firewood	1141	1371	1071	635	536	1183	958	1408	357	120	322	576	295	..	..	..	1286
Piece Goods	79625	143900	97751	82123	69702	96624	229471	347491	292991	320795	433102	370060	273049	562078	579749	698215	70857
Boats and Canoes	..	1032	1045	1200	262	304	..	187	157	402	..	..	..	100	..	..	1287
Tobacco	..	..	6881	19792	15053	10039	18504	180036	8210	12740	..	8703	..	..	..	..	..
Turmeric	..	..	..	..	..	..	10970	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	784	878	..
Tamarinds	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1530	..	4301	..
Sundries	17911	15093	4533	5587	9521	1440	3119	3851	7390	10653	2249	3216	2957	4561	18132	35705	3071
Total	330778	523935	280467	289708	309462	322553	440151	530261	437122	791211	562638	500220	448458	992791	922904	1393068	805[illegible]

Nota Bene. Previous to July 1231 (A.D. 1821/2) the Ports were under the Commercial Resident and in detail statements of previous years appear to have been transferred to the revenue office.

Value of Goods imported at the Sea Ports of Ramnad in Madura from Fusly 1231 (A.D. 1821/22) to Fusly 1247 —

Description	Fusly 1231	1232	1233	1234	1235	1236	1237	1238	1239	1240	1241	1242	1243	1244	1245	1246	1247
Sugarcane	1323	648	..	..	1098	984	511	212	893	840	633	..	..	311	185	..	..
Jagery	395	2415	4386	3588	552	920	4385	1989	1162	983	642	1141	786	330	777	..	947
Dry Ginger	481	..	561	529	194	1062	1255	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chaya Root	4520	7959	15021	10790	4273	2393	7291	3992	241	6995	9444	12536	11016	12816	9457	8035	14750
Tamarinds	218	124	714	730	855	..	1533	1125	174	1324	795	1256	733	6031	5322	7988	9753
Dammer	503	612	412	472	684	..	767	..	378	670	..	..	376	462	901	1203	939
Dry Cocoanut	1420	1028	684	1820	..	646	1480	137	277	..	..	..	1695	..	..	1104	621
Choury ropes	543	2718	980	1395	1900	1522	3264	954	1125	1294	1970	487	..	1329	4990	3583	1099
Copper	1666	2000	595	596	..	..	371	..	1922	4338	6495	..	355	320	..	..	..
Iron	123	604	2732	590	962	..	1081	3183	5869	4352	1894	2456	1257	..	1034	9002	4643
Paddy	31990	17495	3880	3502	4240	9912	4603	2011	2277	4619	55529	46060	482	44500	11191	68061	116899
Rice	9047	658	18383	25780	3403	450	1653	3115	3224	300	5385	3148	5938	7697	1832	54440	2463
Salt fish	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2651	1364	1207	966	..	..
Green Cocoanuts	3626	4811	5029	6004	2734	4220	4990	7848	5023	2807	3896	2767	2236	4381	7046	9888	6958
Arika Nuts	9279	12119	18648	15060	6390	8571	10660	15943	8810	13007	20458	9010	12570	20060	27347	25009	28610
Chanks	000	558	3396	664	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2179	..
Boats and Canoes	1365	567	367	260	630	1505	875	840	1785	890	997	1495	1628	1090	2925	3076	3918
Ausana planks	2880	161	560	804	1673	3060	3400	5112	430	2061	1110	1252	1059	1742	2589	2463	4569
Palmyra Rafters	2001	1754	2335	1787	1924	2177	3403	3279	5102	2702	1197	1191	1688	1311	1356	2166	1185
Mango planks	350	3074	..	164	..	..	590	577	1150	770	..	..	1040	..	..	..	1098
Rape seed	..	1804	..	854	458	..	..	..	..	..	437	..	2142	2094	..	..	6489
Pepper	..	457	2064	..	1371	1964	3147	2852	2443	887	2001	..	650	490	767	4981	..
Bassia seeds	..	690	812	361	283	247	719	1127	321	280	548	631	..	237	164	..	528
Large Pepper	..	1014	..	440	680	1134	630	..	310	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Camphor	..	2231	7908	3648	782	..	1033	..	..	782	534	..	784	..	..	..	1802
Boiled Arika Nuts	249	670	3537	784	347	772	1914	2020	567	3870	6950	4644	1424	6495	21964	30540	11417
Lead	..	..	1617	..	..	..	..	..	..	1414	1448	..	124	..	..	..	..
Dill	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2080	..
Sundries	5083	19198	12086	16666	9925	7077	10462	4824	9763	13246	14555	4833	6038	8462	12792	26708	22801
Total Rs.	78370	85302	106707	97430	45350	48616	69717	61940	53246	68431	137718	95558	55692	121305	118605	262312	241349

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In the following comparative Statement of Merchants and dealers within the single town or fort of Madura the two last years selected for example are those in which a census was taken with a view to the imposition of Moturpha and Veesabuddy taxes and may be considered very correct.—

	Numbers entered in the Moturpha accounts of Fusly 1214	as per accounts of Fusly 1238	as per Accounts of Fusly 1246.
Cloth dealers	15	49	75
Dealers in Sundries	101	190	208
Rice dealers	9	43	60
Cloth painters	54	77	65
Weavers	780	1470	2048
Cash dealers	18	97	86

3.— The manufactures are confined exclusively to Cloths which are of the greatest varieties, as well white, as red & blue.— In every branch the demand is on the increase, and their superiority is very generally admitted.— The Amany years selected for example are those in which the accounts are perfect; the rented years are as given by the renters at the time.—

	Fusly	amount values
Amany	1224	614827
	1225	609639
	1226	696837
	1227	764341
	1228	849155
	1229	977523
Rented	1240	1432557
	1241	1307815
	1242	1430413
	1243	1390499
	1244	1702624
	1245	1797099
	1246	2207017
Amany	1247	1950317

4.— When money payment was substituted for payment in Kind in 1804/5, the Government share of grain was commuted at a fixed rate for each village, which is far below the price that the same quantity of grain will now fetch, whether the produce of irrigated or dry land.—

	Commutation price in fusly 1214 per cullum, Converted into Company's Rupees.			average Rates of bazar prices per cullum from fusly 1240 to 1247.		
	CRs.	a.	p.	CRs.	a.	p.
Madacolum, Thiroomungalum	1	4	4	2	"	"
Sholavandan, Anyoor, Melur, Thooroomboor	1	1	"	1	12	"

Nota bene— No doubt is entertained but the same difference exists in the Dindigul talooks, but searching the Accounts for proof would necessitate delay.—

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Selling price of paddy and Raghy in the market of the Fort of Madura in 1838 compared with earlier years.—

Kinds	August 1807		August 1838		January 1809		January 1838		Remarks
	Measures per Rupee		Measures per Rupee		Measures per Rupee		Measures per Rupee		Raghy is selected for example as the principle dry grain produce— In August grains are very scarce— In January very plentiful— The records of 1806 were too imperfect to afford the required comparisons—
	m.	as.							
Paddy—	30.	4	26	4	36	"	31.	8	
Raghy—	26.	14	22.	11	36	"	28.	8	

5.— In all the Government lands of this Collectorate the revenue has long been paid in money— and very generally the profits of agricultural labor are now greater to the Ryot than when he paid in kind— The Government also obtain a higher revenue from diminished expenditure in securing it; and the removal of incitement to fraud on the one part, & grounds of suspicion on the other, which must have produced a better feeling in the governed towards their governors.— Instances of estates having been ruinous to their Polligar possessors do not militate against this view— for in such cases the individual agriculturist was not affected.—

6. The wet Land Cultivation has increased by about 10000 Cawnies since Fusly 1226, previous to which time the whole talook of Maroongapoory was in possession of the proprietors.— but from variation of season the last years do not exhibit the highest returns.—

Nunjah Cultivation from Fusly 1226 to 1247 in Madura & Dindigul including Nunjah mel punjah & Nunjah garden.—

Fuslies	Madura		Dindigul		Total	
	Cawns.	as.	Cawns.	as.	Cawns.	as.
1226—	32621	1	19488	3¼	52109	4½
1227—	34997	11½	22418	7¾	57416	[illegible]
1228—	37779	2¼	23907	12	61686	[illegible]
1229—	36790	2½	24603	¾	61393	[illegible]
1230—	34540	9¾	22486	7½	57027	1¼
1231—	37370	15¼	21319	1¼	58690	½
1232—	41310	12¼	26288	12¾	67599	9
1233—	37038	2¼	21079	¼	58118	¼
1234—	43036	11¼	24119	3¾	67155	15
1235—	47112	15¼	26991	12	74104	[illegible]
1236—	47054	¼	28253	½	75307	[illegible]
1237—	45728	11½	23078	14¾	68807	[illegible]
1238—	43143	2¾	21789	½	65132	[illegible]
1239—	41668	3	20170	3	61838	[illegible]
1240—	45071	6¾	21554	1¾	66625	[illegible]
1241—	38745	4¾	19439	9	58184	[illegible]
1242—	42512	15¼	22018	7¾	64531	[illegible]
1243—	43735	10½	22071	10	65807	[illegible]
1244—	46085	11	22707	13¾	68793	[illegible]
1245—	47641	6	26466	7½	74107	[illegible]
1246—	40628	¼	17061	11½	57689	[illegible]
1247—	43338	1½	23302	7¾	66640	[illegible]

7- The dry Land by about 35,000 Cawnies since 1232, from which fusly alone the Accounts are distinct from Punjah Garden—

Punjah Cultivation from fusly 1232 to 1247 in Madura and Dindigul.

Fuslies	Madura cawn.	Madura al.	Dindigul cawn.	Dindigul al.	Total cawn.	Total al.
1232	91185	8/4	127649	9	218855	2/4
1233	90151	9	117458	8/4	207610	1/4
1234	98437	13/4	117959	8/4	216397	5/2
1235	98614	15	130253	1/4	228868	/4
1236	105357	..	139978	4	245335	4
1237	104323	11	123211	14/4	227535	9¾
1238	96776	4/4	112182	7	208958	11/4
1239	96940	5/2	120084	8/4	217024	13¾
1240	98096	14¾	137503	8/4	235600	7
1241	91113	6/4	134975	5/2	226088	11¾
1242	102638	13/2	152935	2¾	255574	/4
1243	105895	12/2	149106	9/4	255002	5¾
1244	116017	10¾	166410	8¾	282428	3/2
1245	127455	14	183262	6/2	310718	4/2
1246	123808	6/4	148069	6/2	271877	12¾
1247	126893	15/4	127549	10/4	254443	9/2
Punjah Garden Lands						
1232	766	3	10256	4	11022	7
1233	1017	5	10627	11/2	11645	/2
1234	981	-	11333	6	12341	6
1235	1035	15	10410	15	11446	14
1236	906	8	9979	3¾	10885	11¾
1237	852	6/4	8857	7	9709	13/4
1238	908	12¾	8671	1	9579	13¾
1239	950	6/4	8898	13/2	9849	3¾
1240	1109	6/2	9356	3/4	10465	9¾
1241	1024	15¾	8761	10	9786	9¾
1242	1187	4	9062	9¾	10249	13¾
1243	1304	7	9931	/4	11235	7/4
1244	1200	6/4	9822	12/4	11023	2/2
1245	1381	7/4	9920	7¾	11301	15
1246	1163	2	9507	14	10671	"
1247	1541	8¾	10477	2/2	12018	11/4

8.- And the Punjah gardens land by about 1000 Cawnies since the same period.

9- There are many openings for considerable outlays in construction and improvement of works of irrigation, which, if planned on mature consideration, & executed under proper officers, would, to the best of my judgement, be of essential

and

and general benefit. – such are the introduction of a perennial stream from the Travancore mountains into the Chinna Mooliar – a work sanctioned by Government, but interrupted from the estimates having been formed on too low and insufficient data. – The confining the breadth of great rivers: – The formation of lakes on the Pylney mountains, whence water might be turned into the low country channels when the land is most parched with drought. I also strongly advocate the ultimate economy of avoiding a vast waste of water by the erection of masonry sluices very generally in tanks, but more particularly in Channel cultivation. The refusal of the Board of Revenue to recommend an inconsiderable outlay on this head last year, makes me think they are far from looking upon the measure as nearly so important as I do; but I shall repeat the application for a moiety of the rejected estimates in the ensuing year. – The following table will exhibit examples of advantage derived from Murammut in the Talook of Theroomungalum, most benefitted of all by these means. –

Divisions	Villages	Year in which the Marammut Commenced.	Nunjah average of 5 Years previous to Marammut. Co.^s R^s	Amount Expended in Murammut up to Fusly 1246	Nunjah average of 5 years from Fusly 1243 to 47 to Murammut
	Tarooly	Fusly 1226	581	2194	1180
	Soondrapandeum	25	2587	9443	2997
Thiroomungalom	Sovern cotay	29	303	2087	855
	Vencatasamoodrum	25	429	2256	940
	Vallandoor	24	701	1461	1659
	Kermattore	26	167	2031	751
Aunyoor	Theremanikom	26	481	4530	898
	alapalachary	29	72	3881	500
	Sathangoody	26	1018	2861	1770

10. In my very limited revenue experience I have never met with a tenure that did not virtually resolve itself into ryotwary – the basis of every Zemindary that has come under my observation has equally been ryotwary – and the only distinction "money ryotwary" or "share ryotwary". – Your questions does not embrace this

this distinction, and I believe the merits of the former are so generally admitted as to make it quite unnecessary:— The question then seems to be, whether, in the circumstances of this district, it is more desirable to form a settlement direct with the Ryots, or leave it to be formed direct with them by another person, from whom a fixed sum being demandable, to him is left all surplus that can be obtained by his activity judgement and moderation; whilst he is responsible to Government for any defi=ciency arising whether from the Will of Providence or from his own mal-administration.— It is natural to imagine a native invested with such a right should, from the incitement of self interest, bring greater talent, foresight, moderation and judgement to the task of Collec=tion, than could be expected from a native revenue officer appointed by a Collector:— he has in himself the power of affording instantaneous relief to his cultivators in seasons of distress, and of aiding them in improvements; whereas in all such cases of necessities for remissions, aids &ca under one of the Co's revenue officers, the assistance, tho' rarely refused, has to pass so much scrutiny as to lose half it's value from delay.— In a speculative point of view, then, a fairly assessed Zemindary should improve faster and more steadily than lands under a Collector's care, and the consequence should be to attract cultivators and artizans to the one from the other.— yet experience leads me to an opposite conclusion.— A Zemindar, from the moment of his installation, even in a most petty confined estate, immediately assumes the insigns of state, appoints officers of high sounding titles; and becomes, I believe, much more difficult of access to his cultivators, then is any European Collector of extensive territory:— His means of usefulness are gone;— his profits, if any, squandered; debt incurred, and his whole object is to obtain the utmost he can from his ryots, with an utter recklessness of their welfare.— but tho' I look upon this as the rule, there are no doubt exceptions, & exactly in proportion to the ability and integrity of the proprietor is the condition of the estate.

In Dindegul and Madura are no less than 38 Pollams of different sizes, the only three of any great extent, and generally of inferior soil.— of these two

have been resumed, and the families of the proprietors pensioned; 19 have been surrendered to the Co. on condition of receiving ten per cent on the Net settlement; and of these tho' on first assumption unequal to pay the originally highly fixed peshkush, ten now yield considerably more; whilst the other eleven do not give so much:— of the 17 in possession of the proprietors, or under only temporary sequestration, ten are believed to be in a very gradually improving condition:— the others, tho' capable of improvement, and able to give the proprietor a handsome return, are constantly liable to temporary attachment, from extravagance and incapacity.—

Statement Shewing the Amount of Istimrar Settlement and the average Collections of 5 Years of the assumed Zemindaries in the Districts of Madura and Dindigul.—

No.	Names of Zemindaries	Amount of Istimrari Settlement			Average of 5 years from Fusly 1243 to 1247			
		C.Rs.	a	p	C.Rs.	a	p	
1	Valiaputty	14849	8	10	17626	1	10	Profitable Zemindaries
2	Wooddapanaickenoor	2583	15	4	3228	5	11	
3	Sookamputty	5423	"	7	5707	7	8	
4	Vadakaray	8958	12	10	10835	5	11	
5	Combay	6506	11	9	6608	5	8	
6	Cunnewaudy	38139	14	1	53634	8	7	
7	Maroongapoory	20576	10	9	26739	9	11	
8	Comarawady	17762	11	4	22704	7	8	
9	Togamalay	2633	15	"	2744	11	11	
10	Veeramalay	15107	5	6	17518	7	9	
11	Madoor	8940	3	5	7900	5	1	Unprofitable Zemindaries
12	Yamalapooram	3437	1	5	3098	7	4	
13	Tavashymaday	1650	14	5	651	14	"	
14	Pulleapanaicknoor	3311	"	"	1252	4	4	
15	Ediacottah	9782	3	7	5563	13	3	
16	Maumbaray	2254	6	"	1113	3	5	
17	Nellacottah	24978	5	11	20971	3	4	
18	Sundyoor	4712	"	1	3598	7	"	
19	Doddiencottah	2066	4	6	2311	6	4	
20	Amateray	4037	"	"	2929	11	"	
21	Ramgherry	27552	3	"	18772	4	7	

The Zemindaries of Ramnad and Shevagungah (originally one) are sufficiently large to excuse my introducing a few facts of their history in illustration of my opinion that "a Zemindary tenure is the one, theoretically, best adapted to "the improvement of the Country & happiness of the people; but "from being dependent entirely on the personal character of the "Zemindar, & their Characters & attainments being generally "of an inferior standard, it is, in fact, least adapted to the improvement

"improvement of the Country & welfare of the inhabitants." — after being in a state of litigation for 14 years, from fusly 1224 to 1237, Ramnad was, in 1829, awarded to the grandfather in adoption of the present proprietor, & during her minority has been administered by her Uncle, to whose son she has been very recently united. He assumed all the insignia of state, & tho' he seldom, if ever, leaves the palace for the villages, yet being a man of moderation and habits of business, as far as his ability allows him, the Peshkush is regularly paid, & last year he had even the wisdom & foresight to lay out upwards of Rs. 25,000 on works of irrigation; and has this year undertaken extensive repair of one of the high roads.—

The Shevagunga Zemindary has been nearly 18 Months under attachment for arrears — a suit for the proprietorship is now pending in appeal before Her Majesty:— It is capable of very great improvement:— The annual Peshkush is Rs. 262,500:— The settlement of last fusly amounted to Rupees 425,000 and odd — yet from the lavish expenditure, easiness of disposition and utter ignorance of business, evinced by the ex Zemindar & his predecessors, the estate is saddled with a debt of more than 350,000 Rupees.—

Throughout the Collectorate the police is least effective in Ramnad; but it was much worse in Shevagunga than Ramnad prior to the assumption of the former, and as the police of both is under my own direct charge, it is somewhat of proof how intimately the revenue administration affects the police.—

Perhaps the following statement of the balances in the Ryotwary lands, contrasted with those in the Zemindaries, during the last five fuslies, may give some support to my observations on this part of the subject.—

Fuslies.	Ryotwary Settlement			Permanent Settlement			Total		
	Settlement	Balance at end of fusly	Per Centage	Peshkush	Balance at end of fusly	Per Centage	Annual & Permanent Settlement	Balance at end of fusly	Per Centage
	CRs.	CRs.	Rs. a. p.	CRs.	CRs.	Rs. a. p.	CRs.	CRs.	Rs. a. p.
1243 —	881100	9688	1. 1. 8	724111	36380	5. .. 5	1605212	46068	2. 13. 11
1244 —	914698	1835	.. 3. 3	724111	86917	12. .. 1	1638810	88753	5. 6. 8
1245 —	1038716	2775	.. 4. 3	712075	105175	23. 3. 1	1750791	107951	9. 9. 6
1246 —	751808	1916	.. 4. 1	712075	253483	35. 9. 6	1463883	255400	17. 7. 2
1247 —	920615	64	 1	713015	11192	1. 9. 1	1633630	11256	.. 11 ..

11. Twenty & thirty years ago forced labors were so common in all public works that no record of the price then given could be available to a comparison with the rates of the present day; & it can scarce be expected one can obtain information to be relied upon of the price of agricultural labor from the vague and contradictory recollections of superannuated illitterate ryots.— In my answer to the 4th Querry I have shewn that agricultural produce brings a higher price now than formerly; hence I infer the price of labor paid in money but with reference to grain, must have increased; but if the payment of labor were made in grain I fancy the difference would be slight, or in the same ratio as the improvement in the condition of the people.— I think, then, there is but little difference in the relative prices of agricultural labor with reference to grain or money; but in other callings the price of labor has decreased.— The annexed table of rates has been procured from the respective maistries and may I am of opinion be relied upon.—

Rates of Hire in 1806 and 1838

	System of hire	A. D. 1806 Rs. a. p.	A. D. 1838 Rs. a. p.
Bandies	per 10 Miles English	" 14 "	" 10 "
Loaded bullocks		" 3. 9	" 3. 4
Carrying Coolies		" 3. 4	" 3. 4
Palanquin bearer		" 3. 9	" 3. 6
Iron Smith	Per diem	" 6 "	" 4. 3
Carpenter		" 6 "	" 4. 3
Stone Cutter		" 5. 1	" 4 3
Cooly labourers		" 1. 8	" " 10
Tailor		" 6 "	" 3. 4

The expense of conveyance of goods is beyond all doubt mu less now than formerly— the change has been gradual; but mu more rapid the last two years than before & the expense wil continue to decrease— I have proof from the treasury record that the hire of a Cart for conveyance of treasure to Madras a distance of 300 Miles, was

	Rs.	a.	p.
From 1812 to 1820	35	"	"
From 1821 to 1828	30	1.	3½
From 1829 to 1832	23	"	"
From 1833 to 1835	19	"	"
In 1836	18	"	"
In 1837 and 1838	17	"	"

about 50 years ago wheeled carriages, till then unknown in this collectorate, were introduced from Madras; and it will easily be imagined by those acquainted with the native character how slowly this valuable innovation progressed till it has attained its present height, which may be exemplified by the number of bandies now belonging to inhabitants of the fort of Madura alone, amounting to about 2000. Here then is the first cause for the gradual diminution of charge of conveyance of goods:— On the Co's. Rule becoming more fixed & the police of the roads more attended to, & provisions & forage more easily procurable, is found a second cause for progressive dimenution of charge; & within the last three or four years this second principle has been attended to with much greater care & assiduity; & the roads themselves so very greatly improved (tho' yet very far indeed from the state in which they ought to be, & of which they are easily susceptible) in almost every insurmountable difficulty being removed; & much greater facilities afforded the merchant in the continued erection of Chettrums in uninhabited places & in the neighbourhood of difficult ground, sinking of wells, distribution of the police in the high road in places notorious for robbers, that less vigilance is requisite at their own hands towards their own security— shelter & forage more frequently to be had & the wear & tear of their vehicles with the overpowering draught on their bullocks is so greatly reduced that days are gained in their transit thro' this collectorate with less fatigue to the bullocks than when much more time was given to the same distance.—

12.— Landed property is becoming, I believe, much more valuable & transfers by sale less frequent:— In the cucherry are to be found no records of sales & transfers & a reference to the record of Registered transfers in the Court in 1806 would contradict my assertion, as it gives only two or three small entries & I really know not where to search for official proof of it;— Since the Collectorate was entrusted to my charge I have opened a register for the transfer of lands which will, I trust, prove a valuable document, & of particular use to the Courts hereafter in throwing light on litigated questions of right:— One indication of the present value of land is its acceptability in security, a purpose for which it was formerly held in no estimation.—

13.— The consumption of luxuries amongst the higher classes is less from the less facilities now afforded them of amass-

wealth, from more general improvement & competition amongst the people. The food & habits of the middling Classes seem to have undergone little changes; but the condition of the lower Classes is certainly ameliorated from the progressive diminution of oppression, & from trade passing thro' the country free from restraint. — I may here mention that the Marcayers of Keelakurray, a highly respectable & wealthy family, formerly enjoyed a profit of from 20 @ 30 per Cent on general assortments of goods which they imported by sea & distributed to the petty traders of the Collectorate; but of late years they have entirely lost this exclusive trade, and are proportionally reduced. —

14. — Loans of money are less easily procurable now than formerly, altho' there does not seem to have been any change in the real rates of interest — the legal rates being greatly lower than formerly & than the real present rates and this is probably owing to the establishment of the Courts, in 1806, which at once remit all usurious interest & throw great difficulty in the way of recovery of legal interest, from the prevalence of fabricated receipts, false witnesses & other such chicanes; and in this respect the Courts seem to have had a demoralizing effect upon the people, in as much as they no longer honorably fulfil the contract exacted from their necessities, but take advantage of the law to save themselves from retribution when those necessities have been relieved, or possibly they rely on this protection at the very moment they effectuate a loan by assenting to usurious rates. — Formerly unattested notes of hand or pledges of jewels were the only securities taken; now, precious stones, Gold and Silver ornaments, lands & Co.s paper are the securities required, strengthened by legally executed bonds on stamp'd paper; or, such bonds alone if the granter is a man of known substance. —

15. — The trading population is treble what it formerly was and goes on encreasing. — Increased population is a minor cause, whilst the principal is to be found in the fact that trade is no longer confined to the trading caste, properly so called, but is now open to, & generally pursued by, a very large portion of the community. —

16. — The agricultural population is also on the increase from the blessings of peace & security, a moderate assessment and suppression of extortion & oppression, and tho' the annexed table shews a decrease of Puttah ryots in the last two years, it is not that they are less numerous, but from adversity of season they have left their lands uncultivated; it must also be observed that in this statement are included only the

actual pottah holders and not their co-parteners or agricultural Servants.—

Fuslies.	Madura	Dindigal	Total
1226	26707	25192	51899
1227	27062	26377	53439
1228	28167	25354	53511
1229	27825	24948	52773
1230	28093	24215	52308
1231	29753	25342	55095
1232	31532	23885	55417
1233	30908	23552	54460
1234	33944	24403	58347
1235	33971	25161	59132
1236	34503	25699	60202
1237	34418	24537	58955
1238	34390	25047	59437
1239	34646	26130	60776
1240	35685	27857	63542
1241	35363	27738	63101
1242	36535	30806	67341
1243	36315	32525	68840
1244	38526	35685	74211
1245	40243	37694	77937
1246	40000	35041	75041
1247	39895	33871	73766

17.— Gold and Silver would have procured a larger quantity of grain in 1806 than it would at present— It was then scarce; the quantity now in circulation is plentiful and adequate to the demand.—

18.— Of Gold coins the Bahadree, common (as is capable of proof from the treasury accounts) in 1805, and the Star & double Star Pagoda, in 1808, & in circulation till 1828, shortly after disappeared:— The Porto Novo pagoda, with the Gopauly, Culley & Shooly fanams, in circulation from the same period, are still occasionally received:— Of the Veerapoy & Cantaroy pagodas, also current from the same period, the first disappeared about 1811, & the last about 1819.— Of the Silver Coins, the Old Rupee, the Arcot, Sultaun and Mysoor Rupee, in circulation from the same early date, disappeared together about 1828; & the half & quarter Pagoda, introduced in 1808, are rapidly disappearing:— The Puttun Fanam was forgotten after 1812; and the Madras Fanam, double and 5 fanam pieces, are still occasionally received:— The Anai Cash, and a variety of other early copper coins, have disappeared since 1828.—

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20 Of the Gold coins in current circulation the 15 rupee Mohur, Half, Third, and Quarter Mohur were introduced in 1818. — Of the silver, the Company's Rupee, Half & Quarter were introduced in 1805; — the double and single anas in 1813; — the Shoolake rupee in 1835; the Bombay in 1836; and in that year also was introduced the new Company's Rupee, Half and Quarter; — Of the copper coins, the 5.10, 20, and 40 cash pieces have been in circulation since 1808; — the 1, 2 and 4 pice pieces were introduced in 1828; — and the quarter & half anas in the current year: — Two tables of weights of these coins **A & B** accompany. — The changes in the circulation have been occasioned by orders emanating from the Presidency, caused by a general view of expediency, and in no ways required for this particular collectorate, and the general result has been favorable in reducing currency to one standard & one set of denominations.

19 — I have given but little attention to the subject of currency and am not aware of any desideratum other than avoidance of frequent changes; which, however, can be introduced with little inconvenience if for any general measure of benefit: — For many years the demand for copper & small silver coinage has been great — it was relieved in a great degree in the present — year; and its sufficiency or insufficiency remains to be proved by experience. —

2 — Statement C. was by accident omitted to be entered in the body of the report in answer to the 12th query, and I take the liberty of now forwarding it in a separate form: — And I would beg to impress upon your consideration one circumstance that has forcibly struck me as not applicable to this collectorate alone, but general throughout at least the Southern —

Division

Division, that great changes have taken place in the seasons during the last 30 years, and that from the believed decreased supply of water / I cannot base this belief on any returns or tables, but on my own strong recollection for nearly 25 years supported by the accounts of natives, who well recollect the necessity of laying in a supply of all articles of consumption for the monsoon season of former years, a precaution utterly useless at present / much greater labor is necessary now than formerly to raise a crop and the quantity of the crop is less; — The years in which the greatest remissions have been necessitated in this collectorate are Fuslies 1215 — 1223; — 1233; — and 1238: — and 1241 — 42 — 44 — and 46, which would seem to shew that the bad years are also more frequent of late than formerly. —

3. — I had yesterday the honor to receive your second Circular, with its inclosure, of the 25th. Inst. — and am not of opinion I can add to the information already submitted, except that I would add to the 2nd answer that there are, in the Zemindaries of Ramnad & Shevagunga, three villages, occupied by Chetties, a class of men as remarkable for their wealth and extensive dealings, as for their extreme frugality and unbounded charity — They have extensive connexions in various parts of the Country, and adjust their accounts by bills, or Hoondees, to great amount, an approximation to which I could procure for you, but should be very unwilling to do lest it might cause than alarm; and in fuslies 1245

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1246 & 47 bills drawn by the Accountant General at Madras alone have been discharged from this treasury to the amount of Rupees 2702733 . . 2. I am of opinion very little money passes thro' this collectorate in hard coin by means of Golahs & such like

4 - 23 In answer to your question on the necessity for, and propriety of making advances for Cultivation, — I will state my opinion to be so extremely against the practise that after reducing the amount each year I have in the present fusly abstained from giving any — The objections to it are to encourage a careless indifference towards providing for a particular scarcity; the almost utter impossibility to distribute it only to the proper objects, and the great (apparent) hardship of recovery of it. — But in discouraging the practise I do not advocate its entire discontinuance by order — but only that it should be given as a boon where really desirable, and not as a matter of right because it has become customary; and when it has so become customary it would be unjust & injurious suddenly to withhold the boon.

Madura 29th Octr. 1838 — (Signed) J. Blackburne
Ag Collector

No. 115.

To,
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will obtain me the permission of the Board to make over to the paper-manufactury the undermentioned records, as they occupy much place, time of the record-keeper and

& [illegible] useless Expence in Cloths.—

Reports of periodical Cultivation; and of daily Collecti-ons, received from the Talooks up to the end of fusly 1240.—

Reports and Accounts of the Sayer Amany delivered by Choukedars from their own dufters, up to the end of fusly 1230.—

Accounts of daily Sayer Collections up to the same fusly.—

Registers of rowanahs furnished by the Sayer renters from fusly 1231 to the end of 1240.—

Daily reports of Salt Manufacture up to the end of fusly 1245.—

Daily reports of persons fed in the several Chet-trems up to fusly 1245.—

Compared & Examined returned rowanahs of Salt, Sayer, and Sea Customs.—

Periodical reports of Cultivation, & accounts of the Dindigul Head Cutcherry, abolished in fusly 1225.—

Periodical reports of tank repairs up to fusly 1245.—

Periodical reports of Cultivation, daily reports of Collections, and reports of reaping & threshing during the period the Ramnad Zemindary was under attachment from fusly 1224 to 1237.—

Madura 1st Nov. 1838.— (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

No. 116.

To,
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir,
In answer to the Board's letter of the 29th Ult:, I have the honor to state that on the

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the Shevagunga Estate being assumed in May 1837 the Police Establishment was taken under Government Manage=ment; and hence the newly incurred increase of Sanderwared Charges.— On former occasions when the Zemindary was attached for Arrears the Police Management was allowed to remain in the hands of the Zemindar; but in the present Occasion, as I considered him totally unfit from his indolent habits & from his not paying his Establishment regularly, I deemed it proper to take it under Government Management; and when I submitted the Moyenzabitah for the Establishment, on the 18th July 1836, I included the pay of 50 Police peons, which was sanctioned by the Board on the 15th May 1837.— It is not Customary to include the Sanderwared Charges in the Moyenzabitah, nor is it done for the Ayen talooks.—

Madura 6th Novr. 1838.— (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

No. 117.

To,

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

On the 22nd July a burglarious theft was committed in the Devastan cutcherry of Shevagunga, located in the Fort of Madura, to amount of Rs. 646-11-&
Before the police the parties confessed, & there was such a chain of confirmatory evidence that I little doubted the conviction of the parties.— The trial was commenced by the Sl. Ct. Judge in charge, and after a procrastinated & laborious investigation, most of the parties

were

were released by the Acting Criminal Judge, on security, and the rest acquitted.

The police proceedings which I forwarded in appeal to the provincial Court of Circuit induced them to call for all the proceedings before the Criminal Court, & I have the honor to inclose copy extract of their proceedings approving & confirming the decision of the lower Court.

I have also the honor to forward copy of letter from the Acting Criminal Judge who succeeded the deciding officer, to shew the character of one of the parties implicated.—

And, I have the honor to request you will obtain me sanction for writing off the amount to profit and loss.—

Madura 6th Novr. 1838.— (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

No. 118.

To,

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1.— On the 31st. Ult: was presented to me Petition No. 1001 of 1838, bearing the Boards indorsement of the 15th. of the same month, requiring a full report of the circumstances of the petitioners dismissal, which is herewith returned.—

2.— In Fusly 1212 the name of Moottoopillay was entered in the accounts as Curnum:— He died in Fusly 1215, and was succeeded by his younger brother, Palaniyandypillay, who died in Fusly 1221—

and

and was succeeded by Vencatachellampillay, (Petitioner's father,) and he was dismissed on the 27th January 1814 (Fusly 1224) for corruption.

3.— Chockalingompillay, a stranger, was next appointed— he resigned in Fusly 1228, & was succeeded by Moottoopillay, dismissed on the 24th February 1824, for embezzlement:— his brother, Ramlingompillay, succeeded him, but was dismissed on the 26th January 1826; when petitioner was appointed, but as he was in the habit of procuring bribes for the Tasildar, making over-collections from the Ryots and of a turbulent character, he was dismissed on the 4th December 1828.

4.— In Fusly 1228 Sungarayompillay (Petitioner's name also being the same) son of Moottoopillay, the original Fysul Meerasdar, was appointed; but in Fusly 1242 Mr. Wraughton, Sub Collector, dismissed him, and reappointed Petitioner.

5.— In Fusly 1244 Ramlingompillay, who had been dismissed in 1826, complained to Mr. Lockhart, Sub Collector, that his Ancestors having purchased the Meerassee right from the Ryots for 70 Chs., that first his brother & afterwards himself had held the office, and prayed to be reappointed— The case was referred to the Tasildar, and on his report Petitioner was removed from office, and Soobramanyapillay, brother of Ramlingompillay, was appointed, and has continued in Office up to the present period.—

6.— Petitioner is not a lineal descendant from the hereditary

hereditary Meerasdar, & has been once dismissed for Cor-ruption. Mr Lockhart's appointment of Subramany-pillay appears to me also incorrect, & unjust towards Sengorygrampillay, son of the fysul Meerasdar, who, I am of opinion, was unjustly dismissed in fusly 1242; as he is still in existence, and seems to have a fairer claim than Petitioner.

Madura 6th Novr. 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
v.l. Collector

No. 119.

To,
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1. On the 3rd Inst: I had the honor to receive your letter of the 22nd Ult: giving cover to copy of one from Government, dated the 9th Ult:, and to Petitions Nos. 503+ & 504+ of 1838, from Ranee Angoomootoo Nachy-ar of Shevagunga; the former, as you shew, "objecting "to the grant of an allowance to the late possessor of "the Zemindary; and the latter praying to be entrusted "with the direct administration of the estate on her "giving security for the liquidation by instalments "of the present balance;" and requiring my opinion on both addresses. + Returned herewith

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2. As the Board do not require explanation or de-fence of my conduct from the charges therein brought against me, I will not take up their time further than by saying I am prepared, whenever called upon, to defend myself against the aspersions, which are false — one & all — and proceed at once to state my opinion that the ex Zemindar is in a state of impove-rishment, & has the greatest difficulty in supporting himself & immediate adherants; that the Court of

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appeal and the Court of Suor Udalut having taken different views of the legality of his title, which is also still liable to revision, argues that if his claim was illegal still it was not fraudulent, which is further confirmed by his quiet succession to his father, Moottoo Vadaga Thaver, with whom the illegality, if any, commenced & was consummated and as such he becomes an object of compassion rather than rigour:— and the latter part of the accompanying genealogical paper shews that had he never gained possession he would still be entitled in propriety, and I fancy, by law, to a maintenance.— Adverting then to the undisputed possession by his father of the estate; and to his own quiet succession & possession; to the original decree being passed in his favor; to the final decision being still unpassed; to his possible tho' still distant prospect of inheriting from the Ranee; and to the claim he appears to me to have to maintenance even if he had never had possession, I continue to advocate my former recommendation (still before the Board) that an allowance should be granted him from the estate.— And I may further add that when the appeal before his majesty in Council was pending for the Ramnad Zemindary, an allowance of 1050 Rs. a month was made to each of the litigants as appears from the treasury accounts during the latter period of the sequestration of the lands.—

3.. A reference to my reports, revenue & judicial will, I think, be sufficient at once to refute the calumny of partiality towards the ex Zemindar:

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From the moment I became acquainted with the light peshkush and great capabilities of the zemindary, I advo-cated its assumption, and this principle I believe to be the most merciful to all similarly situated proprietors; and it was with real sorrow I found I had been unsuccessful in so shewing what I deemed so highly desirable as never to have been able to engage the Board to adopt my views, which were at last accomplished by the accidental circumstance of the estate becoming the subject of an appeal.— My report of the 30th October 1837 shewed at large the mal-administration of the ex-proprietor; my re-port on the settlement of the last fusly, now in the hands of the copyist & which shall be despatched in less than a week, confirms my former one & will enable the Board to judge if the estate has been ad-ministered equally to the interests of the Government, the proprietor and the Ryot:— If they will adopt so favorable a view, I would ask them to consider if it is desirable by mistaken kindness to stop the work of improvement in progress, or to risk the loss of that already performed for want of time to have gained stability, till necessity, from the entire discharge of arrears, obliges the Government in justice to abandon it to its fate?— With respect to the character and sex of the Ranee I can only observe she is in health & strength; and I have but little better means of judging of her capacity for managing the estate than can be gained by the Board and Government from her own frequent & varied

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petitions. — The administration of the estate will depend entirely on the character of the man she selects for her Karbar — and the support she gives him; and to judge of what may be expected from the levity and inconstancy with which she has changed her advisers since the institution of the pauper suit, I without hesitation recommend that no indulgence should be afforded her towards obtaining possession.

4. — Finally I take the liberty of reminding the Board that the prohibition to me from the Court of Sudr Udalut to surrender the estate, even after the payment of arrears, remains uncancelled; and I fear that even the amount of security required remains unfixed. —

Madura 5th. Novr. 1838. — (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Memo: —

Mootoovijaya Ragoonatha Gavoorevullaba Peria Oodiatauer got possession of the Zemindary in 1801 and died in 1829. He married 7 wives. Vizt:

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N.B. The 1st 3rd & 4th were full blood sisters, as were also the 5th 6th & 7th —

1st Vellanachyar died in 1804.
2nd Rakoonachyar died in 1827.
3rd Vailoo Nachyar died in 1820.
4th Moolookaur Nachyar died in 1814.
5th Ungoomoottoo nachyar, alive holder of the decree of the Sudr Court for the estate
6th Purvathavurthany Nachyar died in 1832.
7. Moottooveeroyee natchyar died in 1835.

1st wife's issue an only daughter named Boothaeka nachyar now living at Shevagunga with her husband: (issue not known)

2nd wife had one daughter named Vellanachyar who died in 1833, leaving 3 sons & a daughter living — names unknown at the moment. —

3rd wife, Vailoonachyar, left two daughters, named

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Koottanachyar and Kolundaupoory Nachyar; the 1st is living with her husband & some children at Ramnad; and the 2nd with her husband at Oottamanoor, in Shevagunga; and a son named Gavoorivullabatavner who died without issue in 1828.—

4th & 5th had no issue.—

6th wife left a daughter called Sonoomnachyar, whom the Ex. Zemindar married last year she is now at Shevagunga & 12 years of age.

7th left no issue.—

After the death of the above Zemindar Gavooree Vullaba Peria Oodaya Thaver, his nephew Moottoovadoogataver (whose father was before deceased) succeeded to the estate in the same year. He died in 1831 and was immediately succeeded by his son the ex. Zemindar, Bodagooroosamy Peria Oodia thaver.—

Madura 6th Novr. 1838— (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

No. 120.

To

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will bring to the notice of the Board that Columbo or Areca Nuts are entered in the Tariff at one rupee per 1000; but the average selling price in the Bazar for the last 3 years has never exceeded half a rupee; I request you will, therefore, obtain me the permission of the Board to reduce it to that rate.

Madura 7th Novr. 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 121.

To,

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of the Board the death of Jothelnaicken, Zemindar of Jothelnaickenoor, on the 3rd Ultimo; from enquiries made he appears to have left two Wives; by the 1st. of whom, Paupamaul, he had four sons; Vizt. Ramasamy Jothelnaicken aged 20 years, Comarasamy Naicken 10 years, Nallathathoo Naicken 6 years, and Caumya Naicken 2 years, of age; and by his second Wife, Ponnammaul, only one son Jothel Moottoo Naicken aged 10 years. — The deceased has left no Will, but the family & ryots all agree to the Eldest son Ramasamy Jothelnaicken's succession to the Estate, which pays an annual Peshkush of Rupees 1070-3-11-, and is in possession of the proprietor — I request to be favored with the instructions of the Board on the Subject.

Madura 7th. Novr. 1838. — (Signed) J. Blackburne
Col. Collr.

No. 123.

To,

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 5th. (received yesterday) on the subjects of the Zemindaries of Eddacottah & Maumbarey, I have the honor to request you will inform the Board that a reference to my correspondence

correspondence on the subject enables me at once to answer them & I hope satisfactorily:— but if they are willing that I should first make myself acquainted with the land by personal inspection, I shall be happy to do so, and would not delay my report beyond the end of January or beginning of February.—

Madura 12th Novr. 1838.— (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

No. 124.—

To,

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to state there are no returns for the last month for the following statements.

Salt Confiscated
Goods confiscated.

Madura 17th Novr. 1838.— (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 125.

To,

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

Petition 1029 of 1838 has just been presented returned me, bearing the Board's instructions, under date the 18th October, to report the orders passed by me on the subject, with reference to their indorsement of the 3d. September on Petition No. 563 of 1838.—

That petition was received by me on the 14th. September;— on the 17th. I had the honor to report by indorsement that on the 22nd. of the preceding month I had referred the petitioner to a previous indorsement of the 21st. of June, by which he had been

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been desired to address himself to the Civil Court if he had sustained any injury by annoyance from the proprietor of the land, from whom he pretended to hold it in rent.—

On the 15th. October it was received back in a letter from the Board, under date the 8th. of the same month, with an indorsement, referring the petitioner to my said indorsement of the 15th. September, & requiring him to conform to the desire therein given

Madura 20th. Novr. 1838— (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Cllr.

No. 126.

To,

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I had yesterday the honor to receive the Extract from the Board's proceedings under date the 15 Inst. with its accompanyments, and beg to inform you I have directed the Chokeydar of Paumben to abstain from any, the slightest, interference with the passage boat or boats, but to confine himself to a report if he deems there be any abuse.

I have addressed a letter to the Government Agent at Jaffna, giving cover to this order as a temporary measure, and assuring him of every assistance in my power.— I have pointed out to him the difficulties of transport from Dawisodai to Ramnad — the great facilities of that from the Port of Tondi to Madura; as also of that I anticipate

as soon as the 8 miles were completed (say a year hence) from the port of Devipatam to Ramnad, and thence to Madura; shewing also the distances; and I have also asked how far these boats could be made available for the transport of the mails.

Madura 24th Novr. 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 127.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I had yesterday the honor to receive your Circular of the 15th Inst., and beg to inform you I will endeavour to continue the practise of briefly indorsing all documents forwarded to the Board as generally followed here

Madura 24th Novr. 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 128.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward statement of receipts & disbursements of the Devastanoms and Chuttroms in the Districts of Madura and Dindigul, supported by Government, in lieu of Lands allotted to them, for Fusly 1247.

Madura 27th Novr. 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 129.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the 2nd para. of the Extract
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from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, under date 14th September 1837 I have the honor to forward an account particular of Actual Charges incurred for erecting 5 huts for the accommodation of 5 Curnoms on the Pylny Hills and request sanction may be obtained for the same Viz. Rupees. 100 ... -

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Madura 1st Decr 1838. — (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr

No. 130.

To,
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

In obedience to the instructions of the Board of Revenue indorsed on Petition No. 961 - of 1838, I have the honor to forward, together with the petition, copy of my decision in the case —

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Madura 3rd Decr 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr

No. 131.

To,
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I had the honor to receive on the 30th an Extract from the proceedings of the Board of Revenue, under date the 19th Ult., and beg to state that the only grounds of the decision of Mr. Troughton in the records of this Office are his own hand-writing in the Settlement book of Fusly 1242 as follows: —

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" the former Curnom is dismissed and a namesake appointed" —

As respects Mr. Lockhart's decision I find an order

order to the Tasildar of Thiroomungalom, dated 25 July 1834 "to effect that, "as it is proved by the evidence of the Village "officers before the Tasildar that Ramalingompillay's father "had purchased the Meerasy, about 45 years ago, for 70 Chs., "and continued in possession upto Fusly 1236; Subrama- "nya pillay, the brother of Ramalingompillay, should be "confirmed as Curnom."—

On looking over the papers forwarded by the Ta- -sildar in the Case, I could no where perceive evidence of the Meerasy having been in possession of Rama- -lingompillay up to Fusly 1236; and from the Circumstance of the Tasildar having reported his examination on the 13th January 1834, and from no order having been issued until the following July, shortly before Mr. Lockhart delivered over Charge of the Sub. Division, then Consisting of the Madura talooks, I am led to suppose this order was fraudulently foisted on that Gentleman by Sashagherry Row, late Tamil Gomastu in his office, but who was lately dismissed on a similar but more disgraceful offence.—

Madura 3rd Decr. 1838.— (signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 132.

To.
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will favor me with a duplicate of the Board's order under date the 4th April 1835, exempting cotton wool from duty when in transit from port to port:— It is referred to in the Board's Circular of the 9th March 1837.—

Madura 4th Decr. 1838— (signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

No. 133

To,

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

1.— I had yesterday the honor to receive, extract from the Board's proceedings under date the 22nd. Ult:— and request you will be so good as to inform them that as soon as acquainted with the robbery in the Devastan Cucherry, I made a most careful enquiry into the circumstances attending it, and have not the least doubt it was committed by seven notorious characters in conspiracy & conjunction, with the Devastan Massaulchee whose wife is of the Kuller Caste:— I formed my opinion on the confession of the parties & the train of circumstantial evidence corroborating it:— the case was forwarded to the Cl: court whilst under the charge of the Assistant Cl: Judge, Mr. Limond; but was only disposed of by the Acting Criminal Judge, Mr. Anstruther, shortly before his resigning his charge to his Successor:— I have no reason to believe any servant of that Cucherry implicated, with exception of the Massaulchee

2.— Since a length of years an Ameen has held his Cutcherry in the fort of Madura, charged with the superintendence & collection of 44½ villages, allotted by former Zemindars of Shevagunga for performance of certain ceremonies in the Meenatchee, & four other, pagodas within the walls of the Fort, and its immediate neighbourhood; and the money stolen was partly the amount of Collection

recently

recently made, and partly the undisbursed pay of the servants.—

Madura 6th Decr. 1838.— (signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 134.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of the Board the death of Caumaluckya Naicken, Zemindar of Yamookalapooram, in Dindigul, on the 4th Ultimo.— Its settlement for fusly 1247 was Rs. 2411. 10-5, and the Zemindar's Commission Rs. 241-2-8.—

Previous to his death he forwarded an address, dated 3rd November, in which he stated he had no issue by the 1st of his two wives; but by the 2d he had 4 sons; viz.: Ramachendrapa Naicken 13 years old; Kistnasamy Naicken 11 years. Allegherry Samy Naicken 9 do., and Narrainsamy Naicken 7 do.; and 2 daughters, Bungaroo-kartha Ammal, 5 years; and Thayamaul 3 years old, & entreated that his eldest son Ramachendrapanaicken might succeed him; I request you will be good enough to procure the Board's instructions.—

Madura 11th Decr. 1838.— (signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

No. 135.

To
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

Not having as yet received the printed Demand, Collection and Balance statements alluded to in your Circular of the 12th Ult. (received 26th) I have the honor to forward the Marahtta Demand Statement, as it would be unnecessary to detain it any longer for want of the English ones.—

Madura 14th Decr. 1838— (signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 136.

To,

the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt per Cooly, of the Copy of the Circular orders of the Sudr. Board of Revenue in Bengal together with 52 Copies of the printed Forms of Demand Collection & Balance Statements, alluded to in your Circulars of the 8th & 12th ultimo

Madura 15th Decr. 1838 - (signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 137.

To,

the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you there are no returns for the last Month for the following statements:

Report of persons suspended & dismissed in conformity to Secn. VII Regn. VI of 1831

Salt Confiscated

Goods confiscated. -

Madura 18th Decr. 1838. - (signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

No. 138. -

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

In forwarding the Glossary required by your Circular of the 29th Ult: I beg leave to observe that where the same word carries a different signification (as particularly in titles of officers) in different Collectorates, I have given it the signification used in the

even when I am aware it is not correctly applied.

Very few indeed are ever used in my correspondence, but are generally such as have been used in the headings of accounts forms &c.

Madura 18th Decr 1838. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

No. 139.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of my return of yesterday's date to a precept of the Zillah Court together with Copies of it, and Extracts from the proceedings of the Zillah, Provincial and Sudr Courts of Adalut, respecting the release of the Zemindary of Shevagunga; and in communicating them to the Board I request you will inform them of my opinion that the arrears will not be paid by the Nachyar, but must continue to be recovered from the Estate.

Madura Poodoocottay
22d Decr 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr

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No. 140.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

Agreeably to the 4th para: of the proceedings of the Board of Revenue, under date the 3d, received on the 13th instant, I have the honor to forward anew the statement of salt wastage for Fusly 1247.

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21st December 1838.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl Collr

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No. 141.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

Having just received from the Acting Judge copy of the motion omitted to be forwarded with his precept of the 20th instant, I have the honor to forward it with translate, together with Copies of his letter and my answer

for the information of the Board of Revenue 404 403

(Sig.) J. Blackburne
Prin. Coll.

Madura Permagudi
23rd Decr 1838

No. 142.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

1. On the 13th I had the honor to receive the Board's proceedings of the 3rd instant, on the extra revenue of this Collectorate for last fusly; and beg leave to forward the statement required by their Circular order of the 22nd September 1836. - I had detained it at the moment from a conviction the improvements in the Country had caused the adoption of new routes, as therein now shewn

2. I take this opportunity of stating that my letter of the 2nd February attributed the decline of the betel gardens to the amany system of collection, and not at all to the Board's orders of the 22nd April, tho' I am not surprised they should have deemed so from the miswording of the 3rd para of my report of the 31st August, if they did not look at the letter to which I referred them in the same sentence -

3. I was sorry to observe the 12th paras of the Board's proceedings pointed out to Government that tho' there was an increase in the Sea Custom revenue in fusly 1247 over 1246, yet it fell short of that of fusly 1245 by more than 12006 Rs, without at the same time reminding them the decrease was solely consequent on the abolition of duty on the export of cotton under the Board's orders of the 4th April 1836. No doubt the Board thought it would be in the recollection of Government. I fear it may not be. -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Coll.

Madura Davepatam
29th December 1838

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To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will inform the Board I have just received a communication from the Acting Judge of Madura under date the 29th instant, "that the security tendered by the Sudr appellant" "(Unga Moottoo Nachyar of Shevagunga) "for the eventual "costs of the Appeal to the Queen in Council has been "found fully competent for the purpose intended."

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Coll.

Madura Zonde
31st Decr 1838.

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